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We've got festive TV all wrapped up

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Panto star takes over newsroom

SEE **PAGES 28 AND 29**

Carols for charities

CAROL singing for the annual Cornerstone Christmas Appeal took place on Monday at intu shopping centre, with children from Broughton Fields Primary School taking part.

The carol service – which was attended by the mayor Keith McClean – was one of several events held for this year's charity appeal, which raised £15,000 for several good causes last year.

Who is the gambler giving away cash?

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A GENEROUS mystery gambler handed out cash to families, passersby and charity after apparently winning more than £10,000 at The Casino MK at the weekend.

The festive-spirited man first went in to nearby McDonald's in Xscape on Saturday morning where he put £140 in a collection tin for the Ronald McDonald House Charities fund.

He then went outside to give people early Christmas presents before being ushered in to a cab in case he attracted some unwanted attention.

Angela Diamond, manager at the McDonald's restaurant, said: "He originally wanted to give a tip to the young crew member who served him. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept tips and it was suggested he put some money in the charity box.

"I was astounded when he just kept putting notes in. When I explained exactly where every single penny from those collection boxes on the counter goes he put more in."

And charity was not the only beneficiary as the mystery man also took to the street to hand out money as early Christmas presents.

Jordan Garner was on his way to work when he met the man. He said: "He was chatting to some of the cleaners and noticed me walk past and came up behind me. He introduced himself as Lee, I told him my name and he asked how my Christmas was. I said it's been alright so far and he asked what would make it better. I replied with 'a lot of money' laughing and he opened his hand and pulled £40 out of a big bundle of cash and put it in my hand. I looked at him and said 'are you serious?' And he said 'merry Christmas mate'."

The Casino MK was happy to hear about the actions of one of its winners. Luke Perkins, the general manager, said: "When we heard about the charity donation from one of our customers, we thought what a kind gesture, especially at this time of year. It's nice to know that this win was shared to help spread some festive cheer."

Are you the mystery gambler, or do you know who he is? Email editor@mk-news.co.uk

Accident victim dies after crossing the road

A 30-YEAR-OLD man was killed crossing the A5 – after he had survived a car crash.

A blue Volkswagen Polo was travelling along the A5 in Milton Keynes at about 10.35pm on Friday before exiting onto the Caldecotte roundabout where it overturned.

The driver of the vehicle, a man from Milton Keynes, then got out of his car and walked across the A5 dual carriageway when he was involved in a collision with a Toyota Rav 4.

The driver of the Toyota remained at the scene and called the emergency services.

The injured man was taken to The John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford but later died.

Anyone who witnessed the collision, or has any information which may assist police with their investigation, should call Det Sgt Gavin Collier via the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101 quoting URN 1759 11/12.

If you don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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MK Christmas Party cancelled by organisers

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Ticket holders will automatically get a refund and letters will be sent out to them this week.

MK Christmas Party Management told MK NEWS: "MK Christmas Party Management regretfully announces postponement of the concert until a date in April, 2016. It is our worst case scenario to postpone, however, at present we find it impossible to find an alternative solution to our predicament.

"We have tried to connect our vision of a truly wonderful Christmas show, chart-topping hits and Christmas anthems, performed live by industry legends in MK, to the people of MK, yet somehow, failed.

"Local and regional consumers have simply not bought into our vision of this show. It is such a shame as we know the quality of the show that was going to be delivered and how enjoyable this evening would have been.

"The disappointment felt by all of us as management and cast is heart sinking."

Anyone with concerns can email info@mkchristmasparty.com

Parking problem: Councillor Pete Marland, *right*, has accepted an invitation to visit the academy from CEO Warren Harrison

Council chief will visit academy over parking

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE leader of Milton Keynes Council will visit a school following complaints from residents about parking.

The invitation to Pete Marland has come from Warren Harrison, CEO of The Premier Academy (TPA), off Water Eaton Road in Bletchley, who shared letters between himself and the councillor with MK NEWS after he was disappointed the primary school was not consulted before the council's cabinet discussed the parking problems in October.

As MK NEWS previously reported, residents and members of Water Eaton Residents' Association (WERA), who attended the meeting, claimed traffic outside TPA was an 'accident waiting to happen'. They said the number of cars from parents and staff during school times was affecting their lives.

Mr Harrison argues the school has tried to improve the traffic congestion, but any plans were thwarted by the council and, despite the number of complaints, WERA refused to meet to discuss the problems.

In a letter to the school, Cllr Marland wrote: "It is very disappointing that the relationship between the academy and local residents appears to have broken down. I would urge the academy to reach out to the residents, through WERA, to establish what can be done to ease the situation."

In his response Mr Harrison said: "The school and police have worked tirelessly to engage with WERA and [. . .] the police have repeatedly offered to chair an offsite meeting between the local residents and the academy.

"However on each and every occasion WERA has flatly refused to co-operate or meet."

Since the letters were leaked, Cllr Marland has told this paper that he has accepted Mr Harrison's invitation to visit the school.

■ See both letters in full at www.onemk.co.uk

Safe Hut MK is helping out city revellers

MK NEWS reporter Jessica Duncan spent Friday night with the Safe Hut MK at Xscape to ensure revellers got home safely after their nights out and Christmas parties.

This year the Safe Hut MK – run annually over the Christmas period by Milton Keynes City Centre Management and supported by MK NEWS – is working alongside Thames Valley Police and Acute Ambulance & Medical Services.

The volunteers, including our reporter, were kept busy handing out bottles of water and flip flops but also tending to a man who had too much to drink and another with a suspected dislocated shoulder.

So far the following items have been given out:

- **14 condoms**
- **40 lollipops**
- **6 lip balms**
- **5 foil blankets**
- **24 bottles of water**
- **50 pairs of flip flops**

If you are out on Friday or Saturday night, Electric Social will be handing out some of Safe Hut's flip flops to those going home.

■ **Check out the six things Jessica learnt about 'what not to do on a night out in Milton Keynes' at www.onemk.co.uk**

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The company, It's Fresh!, has created a small new filter, not much bigger than a postage stamp, which slows the ripening process and helps fruit stay fresh for up to four days longer.

Lawrence Matthews, the chief technology officer for It's Fresh!, said: "The tiny sheet filters the air to remove ethylene which is the ripening hormone given off by fruit."

Pick of the bunch: Simon Lee, *left*, and Lawrence Matthews from It's Fresh! with the new fruit filter

Alert after man chases girl, 12

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A MOTHER-OF-TWO has issued a warning to parents after her 12-year-old daughter was chased by a man.

The man was arguing with the driver of a vehicle in Fortescue Drive, Shenley Church End, at about 3.45pm on Sunday when he spotted the girl by the underpass below Child's Way.

Shouting 'Oi, come here', he chased the girl into Shenley Lodge, but she was able to escape unharmed.

Speaking exclusively to MK NEWS, the Shenley Lodge mum – who wished to remain anonymous – told of her daughter's terrifying experience. She said: "She was playing with a friend at the park in Shenley Lodge. His dad wanted to pick him up from Shenley Church End, so my daughter walked him to the underpass to make sure he was safe.

"On her way back, she heard a car beeping and this particular person was shouting at a driver. He shouted and went after her.

"She is not aware of when he stopped chasing, but she turned around once and it looked like he was reaching for something in his bag."

The girl called 999 while running and managed to escape to her home.

Police said they arrived at the scene minutes later, but were unable to track down the man.

They described him as black, in his 30s and wearing black clothing and carrying a sports bag.

The mother added: "If it had been me in that situation, I would have been affected a lot more than my daughter has. But it has obviously upset her and affected her confidence.

"I see a lot of children walking home alone after 4pm in complete darkness from after-school clubs. I know these things can happen anytime, but it is not good to have children walking home alone – boy or girl."

Anyone with any information is urged to contact 101.

MKNEWSBRIEFS

Police officer sacked
PC ANDREW Hiscocks was dismissed from Thames Valley Police after using a police card to fill his own vehicle up with petrol.

Mosque visit
MILTON Keynes' top cop Gez Chiariello visited Wolverton Mosque last week to reassure members following the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Abusive calls charge
STEPHEN Morgan, 29, of Walsh Manor, Stantonbury, has been charged with making abusive 999 calls and is due to appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on New Year's Eve.

Who'll be our charity for 2016?

MK NEWS and OneMK are looking for our charity of the year for 2016.

This year, over 3,500 people voted for good causes in the city and The Hope for Hollie Foundation came out top.

Throughout 2015 we have supported the appeal and raised awareness of Niemann Pick Type C (NPC) a very rare and fatal disease.

The charity was launched by parents Helen and Pete Carter whose 10-year-old daughter, Hollie, has the disease.

But who would you like to see benefit from a partnership with OneMK and MK NEWS for 2016? Nominate your chosen charity at www.onemk.co.uk

Concern over 3,655 homes

DECISIONS on two proposals that would see 3,655 new homes near Bletchley, Fenny Stratford and Newton Longville won't be taken for several months.

The news came at a public meeting on Saturday, which saw angry residents in Bletchley voice concerns over the plans for the new homes. They have been backed by Milton Keynes South MP, Iain Stewart.

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Fuelling the debate

THE proposal to do away with pink rubbish bags of the type we have used for years ought to be thrown on the rubbish heap.

While I may not be typical – living on my own and retired – and I still have about a year's supply of such left, my obvious question is: what happens when they are all used?

There was a possible alternative – possibly still is as regards the rubbish that can't be recycled. The answer is to burn it. Problem? At present it seems that houses in Milton Keynes have to be built on the basis that gas and electricity will be the only power sources. At least, I see no chimneys on the newer houses! I am old enough to remember the old-fashioned open fire, which later on came to have a back boiler installed with it; this provided hot water for radiators in other rooms, even hot water for the bath.

Fuel to use on such a fire? Either phurnacite or anthracite where available, but wood could also be used. Britain is, after all, a tree-growing country! Nor need we ask for serried ranks of conifers; a mix of those and hardwoods makes for a very attractive scene in autumn. And what a choice we have – oak, ash, sycamore, beech, birch, plane, pine, larch, spruce, fir, even the much-cursed Cypress Leylandii, can all be used – and a start can be made by chopping down trees that are obviously dead, of which I have seen a few in the Milton Keynes area!

Barry Gowland
Fishermead

Time for wheelie bins

IT SEEMS that Milton Keynes Council has forgotten the reason that council tax is paid, it has one function and one function only, to provide the day-to-day local services for the local populace.

One of the primary functions is the collection and disposal of household waste. Many years ago the people of MK asked for 'wheelie bins' but the council disagreed so we ended up with black sacks and two recycling boxes, one for paper and cans the other for bottles, and, of course, the garden and food waste bin. The paper recycling box was later replaced by the 'pink sack'.

Last year the black sack was no longer supplied, forcing people to purchase their own, at a cost of about £7.20 per year, or almost 0.8 per cent hidden increase in the council tax. Now the council is proposing a fee for the garden waste to be removed and the replacement of the pink sacks with a reusable sack. Does anyone honestly imagine that these sacks will be replaced on your property after collection, of course they won't. They will end up in a heap on the pavement or road, just like the remaining recycling box and green bins do now. It's time this council earned its money and provided a system that is convenient for the taxpayer, ie wheelie bins

William Grist
Sent via email

Send picture to win a funny prize

This week's photograph was taken at Mount Farm Lake by Mark McGuire

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Stop promoting car use

I CAN point to a tale of two cities, Paris and Milton Keynes.

In the former everyone has been working hard to reduce noxious emissions but in Milton Keynes, through demanding more and more car parking spaces, we are promoting greater car use and thereby increasing noxious emissions. This is pure selfishness.

Does Milton Keynes somehow think that global warming has nothing to do with us?

Mike O'Sullivan
Stony Stratford

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That's my boy: Pauline Morris with a photograph of her son, Andy West, who has been suspended by the BBC for speaking out against Tyson Fury being included in the Sports Personality of the Year award

'My son's stand makes me proud'

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A NEWPORT Pagnell mum has spoken of the pride she feels for her journalist son, who was suspended by the BBC after speaking out against Tyson Fury's inclusion in the Sports Personality of the Year award.

Former Ousedale head boy, Andy West, 33, a BBC Northern Ireland presenter, was suspended by the BBC after posting a Facebook status saying he was ashamed to work for it because of Fury being on the award's shortlist, despite his recent comments linking homosexuality and paedophilia.

Now his mum, Pauline Morris, 63, has spoken out in support of her son – who is gay – and has said how proud of him she is for sticking to his beliefs.

Mrs Morris told MK NEWS: "Andy is feeling quite stressed and it's on my mind all the time. He doesn't want to lose his job and I don't want him to, but I'm proud of him for standing his ground.

"We have always supported him. His older brother has said he's totally behind him and my husband – his stepdad – is behind him. His other brother has written to the BBC in his support as well."

In his Facebook status, Mr West said: "My employer is hurting me and other gay people by celebrating someone who considers me no better than a paedophile and who believes homosexual people are helping to bring about the end of the world."

According to his mum, Mr West does not know when a decision about his job will be made and he is not allowed to speak to the press in the meantime. But Mrs Morris hopes the situation will be resolved soon.

She said: "All I would say to Andy is to do what's true to himself. He must do what he thinks is true to himself and I would stand by him.

"I believe that whatever comes from this will be the right thing either way.

"It's what I'd call an ill wind."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

V4 flooding
THE V4 Watling Street in Granby was closed from Saturday night until yesterday morning because of flooding. It has now re-opened for traffic.

Star Wars opens
STAR Wars: The Force Awakens opens at Cineworld in Xscape and the Odeon near stadiummk from tomorrow. There are plenty of times to catch the film and for more details go to **onemk.co.uk**

Olney burglary
WILSON Turney, 22, of High Street, Olney, was charged last Wednesday with five burglary offences in The Maltings and Timpson Row, Olney, overnight from Monday, December 7 until Tuesday, December 8. He was bailed to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on January 11.

Plan to make parking bays smaller dropped

MILTON Keynes Council has withdrawn plans to reduce the average size of parking bays to create additional spaces.

Cllr Matt Clifton, the council's cabinet member for transport, has withdrawn the proposal to create 235 additional parking bays by changing the widths of 4,000 other spaces.

The plans to shrink the bays were exclusively revealed by MK NEWS.

But concerns raised by the Liberal Democrat group and city centre employers forced the council to rethink.

"There are legitimate issues raised by the Liberal Democrats and others over the size of the bays, their cost and the impact of the lining work on residents," said Cllr Clifton. "We are always willing to listen and take on board constructive criticism. Over the past year we've been working hard to provide additional parking for employees in the city centre. It is not easy but so far we've managed to bring 800 extra standard charge bays into use for employees."

Councillor Alex Walker, the Conservative shadow cabinet member for transport, said: "There was overwhelming opposition and I am pleased Labour made a U-turn sooner rather than later."

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Homeless 'can't use building'

COUNCIL leader Pete Marland has confirmed the old Sainsbury's building in Central Milton Keynes will not be opened to the homeless this winter.

At the cabinet meeting on Monday night, Cllr Marland discussed a petition to allow homeless people to sleep in the building, which had more than 5,000 signatures.

He has had several conversations with Sainsbury's about the idea, but said Milton Keynes Council does not own the building and it is not suitable or stable as a housing shelter anyway.

He said: "We already have one excellent winter night shelter scheme."

Reaction: Residents at the open meeting at Chartwell Road Sheltered Housing Scheme yesterday

Plan to cut wardens comes under attack

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A PACKED public gallery slammed Milton Keynes Council's proposal to scrap wardens in sheltered housing at a cabinet meeting on Monday night.

A total of 15 emotive speakers from the public gallery, as well as Conservative and Liberal Democrat councillors, all hit out at the council, with some saying lives would needlessly be lost for a relatively small amount of money.

The meeting came after the council released its draft budget proposal for 2016/17, which is aiming to save about £22million.

One of the Conservative councillors to question the cabinet was Catriona Morris. She said: "We will lose lives for a pathetic amount of money."

Boos and catcalls rang out as the cabinet, led by council leader Pete Marland, discussed the proposed ending of permanent warden services at 28 sheltered housing centres in the city – which would save just over £500,000.

Councillor Nigel Long, who brought the proposal forward, was a particular subject of jeers from the gallery and made a joke about how he 'might not get out of the building alive'.

Near the end of the meeting he responded to the public's views and gave an alternative way of taking the proposal forward. He said: "I may well have made a mistake in bringing this item forward. I think the arguments were very powerful, very eloquent and you made a good case.

"We will consult with all the individual schemes and all the residents."

Speaking the next day at an open meeting, residents from Chartwell Road Sheltered Housing Scheme in Newport Pagnell gave their reaction.

Ethel Beard, 97, a resident since 2000, said: "I think the cut will be disastrous, I don't think they have realised the human impact of the proposal. I have got no family nearby – if they take the warden service away, what do we do? Rather than make these cuts, why don't they review how other money is currently being spent?"

The budget proposal papers were approved for consultation by the cabinet and discussions will continue until January 20, before a final decision is voted on at a full council meeting.

Protest letter sent to both Houses

A LETTER has been sent to the House of Lords and House of Commons on behalf of a sheltered house, to protest against Milton Keynes Council's plans to scrap wardens.

The letter was sent on behalf of Putman House in Shenley Lodge – which houses 36 people, as well as two permanent staff members – and calls the council thoughtless for 'hitting the most vulnerable members of our society' and 'if this goes ahead, then half of our tenants will not be able to cope'.

It also suggests the council approaches senior citizens for help, uses them to monitor contractors' work and even says that Putman House can do without chairs and carpets if necessary.

The letter was sent to the council as well as the House of Commons, the House of Lords and Milton Keynes' MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart.

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Dad creates a children's app

BY SARAH LEE
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Entrepreneur: Dean Campbell with the new app for children called Do You Promise?

AN ENTREPRENEUR and dad-of-two has designed an app to help parents with their children's good behaviour.

Dean Campbell, 37, from Caldecotte, created the app Do You Promise?, which he hopes will receive attention from Disney, with the help of Linford Wood creative agency Klood and Old Wolverton-based business WHP Creative.

Dean, who also runs a family flooring business, said: "Do You Promise? is a children's productivity app that helps parents to positively influence a child's development, while also making this an enjoyable process for the child.

"Created with both parents and children in mind, myself and my wife, Stephanie, came up with the concept after our own experience of teaching our children (Jessica, three, and Michael, two) good behaviour.

"We found that using character magic to influence the children's development made this experience more successful and fun, as well as effective to manage as parents."

The app allows parents to set behavioural-related promises for their children, which is then communicated to the child via a magical character and encouraging video message, with the aim to motivate the child to keep the promise.

Dean added: "It also allows parents to track and reward a child's promise and has been designed to involve joint commitment from both parents and child, making this app truly unique in the digital space."

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Fraud mother's prison term cut

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A SCHOOL finance worker who siphoned off more than £100,000 in her job will be home in time for Christmas – and the arrival of her baby due on New Year's Day – after top judges slashed her jail term.

Kathryn Anne Nethersole, 38, helped herself to £120,000 from Two Mile Ash School, where she was head of finance.

Within two months of starting her job at the school in 2011, she 'commenced a course of systematic fraud' which lasted three years, London's Appeal Court heard on Thursday.

She was jailed for two-and-a-half years at Aylesbury Crown Court on May 19 – but three appeal judges took pity on the heavily pregnant mum-of-three.

They cut a year of her sentence after hearing that Nethersole's mum would be left holding her new baby as well as caring for her other children.

Nethersole, of previous good character, has since paid back the cash she took and her barrister, James Juggapah, argued her jail term was far too tough.

She has sole custody of a 13-year-old son and a six-year-old daughter, has another child at university and a baby due on January 1, the court heard.

Her mother, who is also full-time carer for Nethersole's grandmother, was looking after the two young children and was under 'considerable strain'.

Due home for Christmas: Kathryn Anne Nethersole has had her prison term cut

The six-year-old had 'coped badly' with visiting her mum in jail, which she had found 'distressing' and her older brother was 'angry' about Nethersole's absence.

The appeal judge pointed to 'the impact the separation from their mother has had on her two dependent children and the impact it will have on her unborn child'.

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Pupils take on lead roles in nativity play

LONG Meadow School's year one and two classes have held their annual nativity play – called Baubles – and pictured are the children starring as Mary and Joseph.

■ If you want to see pictures of your school's nativity play in the paper, send them via email to editor@mk-news.co.uk

Two schools go top of the class

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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THE release of Key Stage Two exam results has seen cause for celebration for some primary schools across Milton Keynes, while others have been told they need to improve.

Year Six pupils were tested on their reading, writing and maths skills and it is hoped students achieve at least a level four grade.

Two schools in Milton Keynes – Middleton Primary School and St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School – achieved 100 per cent level four results across the three subjects – which is well above the Government's minimum 65 per cent requirement.

Jane Miller, headteacher at Middleton Primary School, said: "We are particularly pleased because that is the fifth year running that we have achieved 100 per cent level four results."

Level four results indicates pupils can spell, have started to use grammatically complex sentences and use joined up handwriting in English.

In maths, the pupils need to be able to multiply and divide whole numbers by 10 or 100 and use simple fractions and percentages.

There were five schools in Milton Keynes where fewer than 65 per cent of pupils achieved level four.

THE RESULTS

■ **Top five:** St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School, Middleton Primary School, Brooklands Farm Primary School, Two Mile Ash School, Giles Brook Primary School

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Man searching for his long lost twin

BY SARAH LEE
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A MAN who was separated from his twin brother at the age of 18 is using Facebook to search for him.

Steven Moore, 41, who grew up in Springfield, but now lives in Leeds, said he is desperate to find his sibling following their father's diagnosis of lung cancer.

Steven's brother, Allan, went missing 15 years ago and family members have been searching for him for years.

Talking to MK NEWS, Steven said: "I'm needing to find my twin brother as our dad has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

"Our mother died in 2007 and the poor guy doesn't even know.

"He went missing about 15 years ago and I have been trying to find him since 2007.

"The Salvation Army couldn't find him and my sister, who works for the police, also couldn't find him.

"I'm at a dead end now and I don't know what else I can do which is why I'm reaching out to Facebook and anyone who might be able to help.

Separated: Steven Moore, *left*, pictured with his twin Allan when they were teenagers

"As his twin I miss him every day and it's only right he knows about his parents."

Steven has since received messages from a few people who recognise his twin.

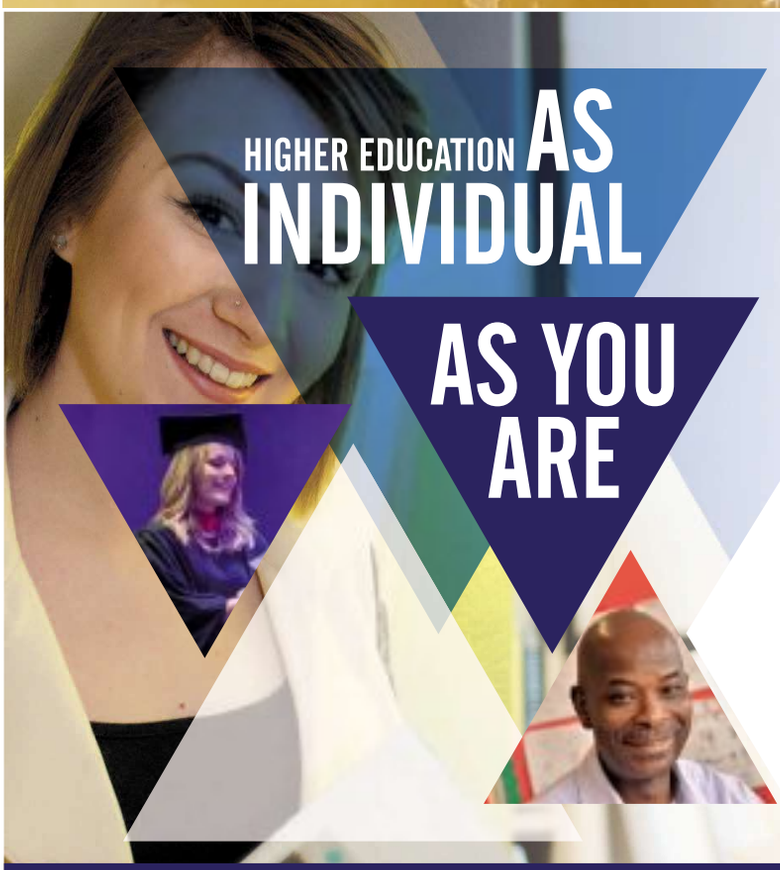
Kelijade Holmes said: "I went to school with Steven Moore. He was one of my best friends.

"I want to tell him my thoughts have always been there. If he needs an old friend to hunt down his brother I will help. He was always lovely. I'd love for him to know he still has a friend in me."

Allan Moore was born in Hendon in 1974 and grew up in Springfield.

He studied at The Radcliffe School in Wolverton from 1986-1990 and later moved to Conniburrow.

Anyone with information can contact Steven at stevenmoore677@yahoo.com



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Santa joins Rotary Club's charity float

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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See Santa: Listen out for festive music this week

FATHER Christmas was spotted in Milton Keynes on Sunday night as The Rotary Club of The Brickhills held the second leg of its annual float run to raise money for charity.

The club collected more than £1,500 for local charities last year and members will be walking with Santa with their buckets at the ready again this year, in a bid to raise money for Willen Hospice and Winter Night Shelter.

The Rotary Club members were in the Poets Estate in Bletchley on Sunday, where they brought some festive joy to local residents and raised £493.56 in the process.

Nigel Tuohy, the Rotary Club's chief elf, said: "We've done it for the last four years and we try to keep it local.

"It has been great fun and everybody enjoys doing it, it's the joy on the kids' faces when they see Santa as much as the money."

Sunday was the second time members joined Santa in Milton Keynes and they will be out another two times before the big man has to ready himself for Christmas Eve.

Today, Santa and his helpers will be around Brownswood and Old Farm Park before he finishes off his tour in Bletchley's Saints and Racecourse estates on Sunday. Each night of the tour he will be out for about two hours from 6pm with members of the Rotary Club, but if the weather is too bad he might have to cancel.

The club and Santa are trying to cover as many streets as possible but can't do them all, so make sure to listen out for the festive music if you want to meet him!

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Cancer victim's widow in plea for information

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE heartbroken widow of a former British Rail worker who died from cancer caused by exposure to asbestos is appealing to her late husband's colleagues for help to understand how and why he was exposed to the substance.

Paul Bland died aged 66 in March after an 18-month battle with mesothelioma, which affects the lining of the lungs – leaving behind his wife Jennifer, from Wolverton.

She has now instructed expert asbestos-related disease lawyers at Irwin Mitchell to investigate how and why Paul was exposed to the deadly substance decades ago and whether the measures that were in place to protect him from inhaling the deadly dust and fibres were sufficient.

After his diagnosis Paul told Jennifer that he believed he was exposed to asbestos while working as an asbestos stripper for British Rail in the late 1970s and early 80s.

His role at the company's Wolverton railway works required him to strip asbestos insulation from old train carriages and dispose of the substance, before the carriages were refurbished and introduced back into the rolling stock.

Former BR worker: Paul Bland

Now, Jennifer is appealing to Paul's former colleagues at British Rail's Wolverton railway works to come forward with any information they may have on the working conditions and the safety measures in place to protect workers from inhaling the asbestos dust and fibres, which are known to cause mesothelioma.

Natalia Rushworth, an expert asbestos-related disease lawyer at Irwin Mitchell, said: "Mesothelioma is an extremely aggressive, and sadly, incurable disease that can cause a great deal of pain and suffering for victims.

"Jennifer understandably wants answers about Paul's working conditions at the Wolverton railway works."

Jennifer, a mother-of-two, said: "Paul had been unwell for some time before he was diagnosed, but his diagnosis still completely shocked us all and it was absolutely heart-breaking to see his health deteriorate so quickly after being told he was suffering with mesothelioma.

"Nothing will bring Paul back but we are now determined to understand how he was exposed to asbestos and if more could have been done to prevent him inhaling the dust and fibres that ultimately caused him to develop mesothelioma."

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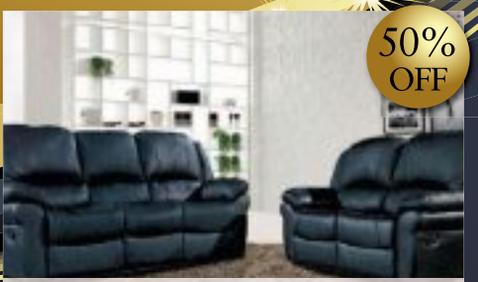

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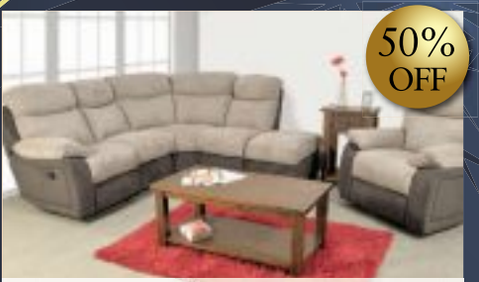

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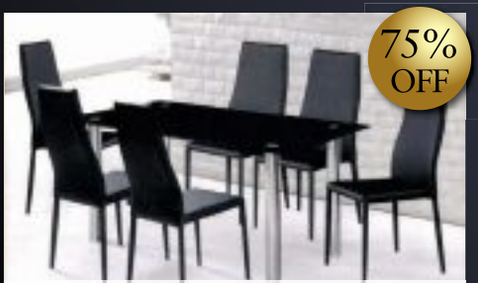

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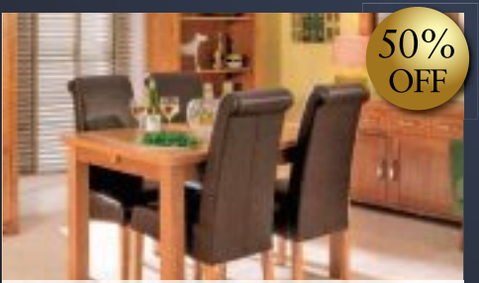

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What makes Emily's

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MK NEWS' Christmas Selection Box Appeal 2015 is this year helping the charity Emily's Star.

As previously reported, Emily's Star – a charity that raises awareness of Trisomy 18 and other life-limiting children's diseases – will be receiving all the selection boxes donated by readers as an extra gift this Christmas.

So far, more than 700 selection boxes have been donated by the kind residents and businesses of Milton Keynes, but to beat last year's figure of more than 830, we still need your help.

Meet two families Emily's Star helps with both emotional support, days out and donations in Milton Keynes.

This is Edward:

Edward has a rare congenital condition known as Hydranencephaly, which means he only has a brain stem and the rest is filled with cerebrospinal fluid. He is only able to breathe and swallow.

Edward's mum Gabby York, from Stacey Bushes, knew about Edward's condition at 32 weeks of pregnancy, with all the medical staff painting a very bleak picture.

She said: "We were told that Edward was likely to be born sleeping, but would definitely not see his first birthday.

"Like many babies born with Hydranencephaly, Edward has proved the medical profession wrong and will shortly be celebrating his sixth birthday.

"Edward is able to eat small amounts orally, but he finds it very tiring and is therefore fed blended food via a gastrostomy tube directly into his stomach. He still loves tastes of chocolate mousse and cake icing though!

"Despite his condition, Edward is a very happy little boy, who can light up a room

Star shine so bright?

with his smiles.

"The Emily's Star team all know him and embrace him as 'Edward', rather than a child with a medical condition. Emily's Star helps us make memories with Edward and enables us to meet with other families for support and friendship."

Meet Alfie and Lucas:

Emma Omrod and her husband Bobby have two children with X Linked Kabuki Syndrome, this accounts for about 30 per cent of children with this syndrome.

But Emma is a carrier so there is a 50 per cent chance that she could have a child with Kabuki Syndrome.

Children with Kabuki Syndrome can suffer with distinctive facial features, feeding problems, and failure to develop.

Emma, from Coffee Hall, said: "Alfie, my brave soldier, is six years old and he is happy and strong willed.

"He had his first heart surgery at a couple of months old and then it was a whirlwind of hospital appointments.

"Age two, Alfie's heart started to struggle and it was time for his open heart surgery, but in true Alfie style, he had his own plan and ended up having three heart surgeries in that year.

"Alfie is a sick little boy even though he looks healthy.

"He is learning to walk but his little body goes through a lot. Lucas, my little warrior, is three years old and he is a cuddle monster everyone falls in love with.

"At five months old Lucas had a seizure and that was the start of a very hard road we are still on.

"He was put on a ventilator and transferred to another hospital and a lot of tests were done and he was diagnosed with epilepsy.

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Traffic calming: Roads around Caroline Haslett Primary School in Shenley Lodge are set to get new speed humps

Roads set to get speed humps

TRAFFIC calming measures have been proposed for two estates in Milton Keynes.

Milton Road in Broughton has already seen two sets of speed humps installed close to Shackerstone Close next to Broughton Fields Primary School.

Four sets of speed humps are set to be constructed in Faraday Drive and Redwood Gate in Shenley Lodge, which are close to Caroline Haslett Primary School.

Body cameras to be worn by train staff

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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BODY cameras are to be issued to rail staff to improve customer service and safety.

It is hoped the evidence gathered from the cameras, which effectively act as mobile CCTV, will help London Midland secure prosecutions against persistent and high-level offenders.

Darren Hanley, head of revenue protection, prosecutions and security for London Midland, said: "There are clearly a number of advantages with this initiative. Not only does it act as an enhancement to the safety of our employees and customers, it also plays a pivotal role in the evidence gathering process when taking action against fare evaders and those committing anti-social behaviour, or breaching byelaws while on our network."

The initiative is part of London Midland's commitment to further improve the safety and security of its people and passengers.

The body cameras will be worn by all revenue protection and security officers who work from the three regional centres in Milton Keynes, the West Midlands and Crewe.

Commuters have been commenting on the move on our Facebook page.

Rob Mills, 24, said: "I think it's quite a good idea. If you have got nothing to hide, then I can't see a problem with being filmed. At the end of the day it should keep us a bit safer shouldn't it?"

Helen Smart, 39, said: "It seems fine to me, it could be a good idea because you do sometimes see quite a lot of crime in the papers, so if this helps them catch more people them I'm all for it."

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A cut above: Jack with teammates, *from left*, Glenn Billing, Jordan Marr, Luc Johnson and James Griffin

Jack's charity cut

MK LIGHTNING ice hockey player Jack Watkins had his long locks cut off to donate to the Little Princess Trust – a charity that provides real hair wigs to boys and girls who have lost theirs through cancer treatment.

Jack, 22, who is also a lettings negotiator at Lenwell estate agents based in CMK, had been growing his hair over the last two years.

He received a donation of £500 from Lenwell to give to the charity.

Going green to help charities

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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BIN collections over the festive period have been changed and MK Council has also relaunched a fundraising recycling initiative.

The authority has said Reward MK will donate cash to 13 local charities if recycling from pink sacks and blue boxes, as well as composting from green food and garden waste, goes up and non-recyclable black sack waste goes down.

The recycling scheme has already raised £2,000 since it was launched in July and hopes to spread more goodwill this Christmas.

The initiative is completely free for residents, all you have to do is play a short recycling game on the council's website, then select one of 13 local charities which will receive a £1 donation from the council.

Bonuses will be paid if recycling goes up and general waste goes down.

With Christmas falling on a Friday and a bank holiday on Monday, the rubbish collection dates have been changed. Bin collections from Christmas Day until January 16 have been altered, with normal service resuming on Monday, January 18.

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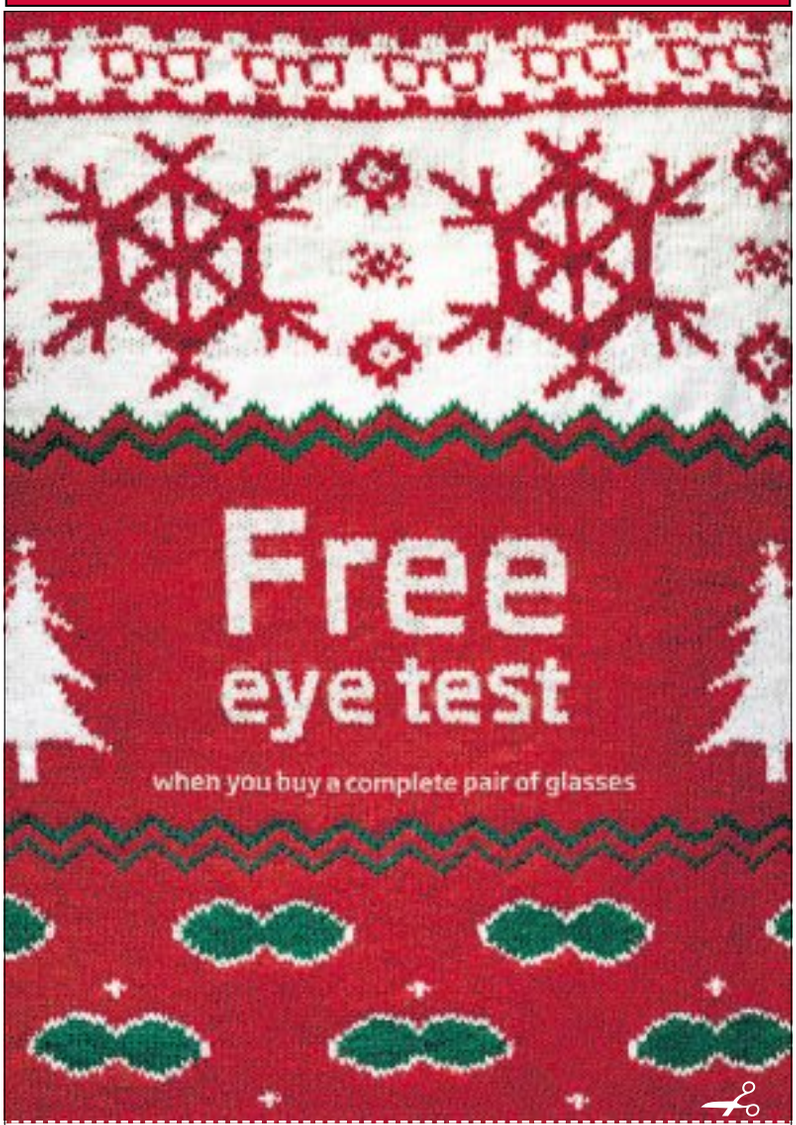

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Raising cash for hospice: The homes in Summerhayes in Great Linford

Streets light up lives

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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Amazing response: The house in Lime Street, Olney

STREETS across the city are turning Christmassy for Willen Hospice.

Summerhayes, in Great Linford, is even referred to on property sites like Zoopla as 'Christmas Street' and those buying in the area are warned about parking around the Christmas period due to the high number of visitors.

Residents on the street first started their displays in the early 1990s and after a few years of competition, they are now working together and raising money for Willen Hospice.

Nick Menday, 65, said: "It started well over 20 years ago when only one or two neighbours did it. Then more and more joined in and it became a bit of a competition, but we didn't start collecting for Willen Hospice until 2004.

"Since then we have raised in excess of £37,000.

"It gets bigger and better each year, with people from nearby and the surrounding areas coming to visit."

But they are not the only ones. A house in Lime Street, Olney, has also raised money for the charity that provides end-of-life care in and around Milton Keynes.

The house has been the talk of social media and owner Jim Bridge said: "We started doing the lights nine years ago but only started collecting last year. We were amazed at the response we had and also the generosity of the local community."

Paul Hinson, chief executive of Willen Hospice, said: "It's such a wonderful thing to create a spectacle the whole family can enjoy while raising much-needed funds for their local hospice. We'd like to offer our deepest thanks."

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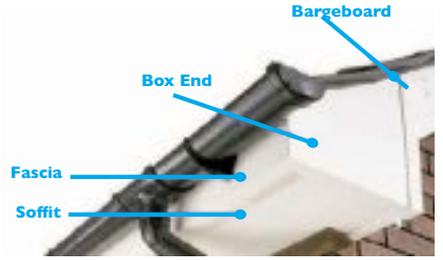

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The newly rebranded Electric Social MK sees some exciting changes, including the launch of a new menu in 2016 with delicious homemade dishes delivering an authentic taste.

Plus, the fresh new venue will welcome entertainment week on week including top DJs, live bands, Pongathon, karaoke nights and lots more. So, if you would like the chance to see the New Year in with a bang, just enter our competition and answer this simple question:

What symbol features on the new Electric Social MK logo?

A. Light Bulb
B. Toaster
C. Mug

To join the party on New Year's Eve at Electric Social is free but if you fancy something a little special, tickets for the three-course meal and bubby are on sale now for £35. Call 0333 311 1300.

More details about Electric Social and its events, menus and offerings can be found at www.electricsocial.com or join the chatter at www.facebook.com/electricsocialmk or www.twitter.com/electricsocial

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WITH the evenings drawing in and the nights as dark as can be, local arts company, Festive Road, invites you to Campbell Park on Saturday for an extravaganza of hot food, warm company, fire performance and pyrotechnics.

The event itself is free but there will be a collection for local charity Leo's Appeal, which is raising money for the children's wards at Milton Keynes University Hospital.

It starts at 5.30pm with hot food and refreshments before the entertainment begins.

The evening will start with some local fire performers and then the arrival of a parade of lanterns made by local children. It will be led by some amazing illuminated structures – including Festive Road's very own cycle-powered triceratops called Hilary!

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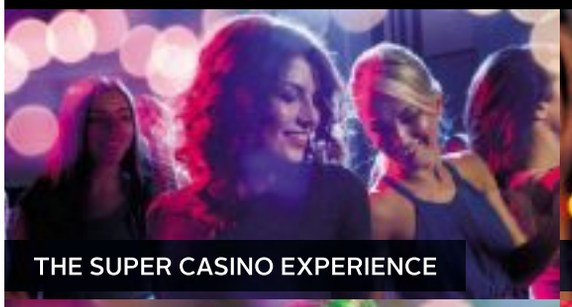
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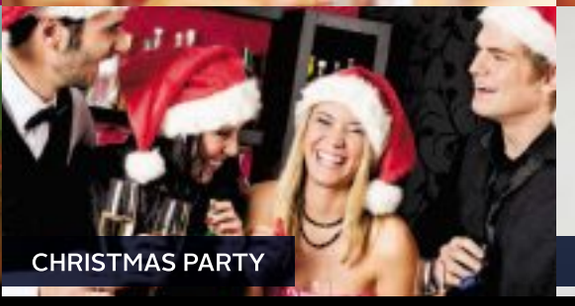
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BBC One

7pm Celebrity Mastermind Cheryl Fergison competes.
7.30 A Question of Sport Christmas Special Sue Barker hosts the quiz show.
8.00 EastEnders Sharon makes a shock discovery.
8.30 Snow Chick: A Penguin's Tale Kate Winslet narrates.
9.30 NEW Boomers A trip to a Christmas market ends in chaos.
10.00 News; Weather
10.25 Regional News
10.35 Peter Kay's Car Share Comedy.
11.05 Mrs Brown's Boys Festive special.
11.35 FILM Meet the Fockers (2004) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller. ★★★

BBC Two

7pm Gorilla Family & Me Documentary in which Gordon Buchanan spends time with Grauer's gorillas.
8.00 Christmas University Challenge With Natalie Haynes and James Reynolds.
8.30 MasterChef: The Professionals The final three head to Alba, Italy to train under Enrico Crippa.
9.30 Christmas Shopping Fever: John Lewis and the Retail Race Cherry Healey goes behind the scenes at one of the stores.
10.30 Goodness Gracious Me – India Special The cast of the sketch show reunite.
11.00 TOTP2 Christmas Special Archive performances.

ITV

7pm Emmerdale David is furious about being scammed.
7.30 Coronation Street David is in trouble with Kylie, while Robert is haunted by the past.
8.00 All Star Mr & Mrs Phillip Schofield welcomes celebrity duos including Martine McCutcheon and her husband Jack.
9.00 LAST Prey Things look bleak for Murdoch as Lucy remains a hostage, Jules betrays him and he must find a key at the prison that unlocks a cache of stolen money.
10.00 News; Weather
10.45 FILM Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) Rom-com, starring Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. ★★★★

Channel 4

7pm Channel 4 News
7.30 Toy Story of Terror! Animated short, with Tom Hanks.
8.00 Posh Pawn at Christmas A former Miss England plans to trade in her diamonds for a new life in the United States.
9.00 24 Hours in A&E A builder is rushed in after falling 18ft from scaffolding on to concrete.
10.00 LAST Toast of London The actor gets in at the Globe Theatre, but is not impressed with the director.
10.30 Father Ted Christmas Special The priests get lost in a store's lingerie department.
11.35 Father Ted Ted and Dougal enter the Eurosong contest.

Channel 5

7pm World's Strongest Man The competition concludes at Leeds' Headingly Stadium.
7.55 5 News Update
8.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors The medics help Angela, who is suffering from injuries sustained in a fight.
8.58 5 News Update
9.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away A young family are made homeless and a divorce comes to a head.
10.00 Christmas with Britain's Biggest Family Documentary exploring what it is like for large broods at Christmas.
11.00 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole Featuring a struggling single mum.

ITV2

7pm FILM Uncle Buck (1989) Comedy, starring John Candy and Jean Louisa Kelly. ★★★★
9.00 Pampered Pooches: Hollywood Comedian Matt Richardson heads to Los Angeles to discover just how far the local doggy devotees will go in order to indulge their canine companions.
10.00 Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 2 Keith Lemon rounds off the year with the second of two festive specials. He is joined by team captains Holly Willoughby and Gino D'Acampo.
11.05 FILM The Bourne Identity (2002) Thriller, starring Matt Damon and Franka Potente. ★★★★

BBC3

7pm Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper
7.10 The Gruffalo
7.35 FILM Madagascar (2005) Animation, with the voices of Chris Rock and Ben Stiller. ★★★
9.00 Live at the Apollo Jason Manford, with comic Michael McIntyre as special guest.
9.30 Live at the Apollo Rhod Gilbert introduces stand-up.
10.00 EastEnders
10.30 Cuckoo: Christmas Special Ben and Dale compete to make Christmas special.
11.00 Family Guy Stewie and Brian travel to the North Pole.
11.45 American Dad!

Film4

11am The Cat Returns (2002) Animation, with Anne Hathaway. ★★★★
12.40 FILM Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) Family comedy, starring Jim Carrey. ★★★
2.30 FILM Millions (2004) Comedy, starring Alex Etel. ★★★★
4.20 FILM Hairspray (2007) Comedy, starring John Travolta. ★★★★
6.35 FILM Life of Pi (2012) Adventure, starring Suraj Sharma. ★★★★★
9.00 FILM The Purge (2013) Horror, starring Ethan Hawke. ★★★
10.40 FILM In Fear (2013) Horror, starring Iain De Caestecker. ★★★
12.20 FILM Max Payne (2008) Action, starring Mark Wahlberg. ★★★

Christmas Eve

BBC One

7.10pm Pointless Celebrities Christmas Special Famous faces on the quiz include Su Pollard.
8.00 Would I Lie to You at Christmas With Bill Bailey, Ruth Jones, Jo Brand and Kelly Holmes.
8.30 EastEnders Someone comes to a shocking realisation.
9.05 Peter Kay: 20 Years of Funny The Bolton funnyman's journey into the comedy world.
10.05 Walliams and Friend Comic sketch show, with David Walliams.
10.45 Not Going Out Lee and a pregnant Lucy get caught up in a robbery.
11.30 News; Weather
11.45 Midnight Mass In Southwark, London.

BBC Two

7pm Dad's Army The vicar hosts a charity bazaar.
7.30 Christmas University Challenge Celebrities include Nick Baker and Louis Theroux.
8.00 LAST MasterChef: The Professionals The three remaining hopefuls must produce flawless dishes for the judges.
9.00 The Great History Quiz: The Tudors Kirsty Young presents, with panellists including Lucy Worsley.
10.00 The Scandalous Lady W Period drama, starring Natalie Dormer and Shaun Evans.
11.30 FILM Dial M for Murder (1954) Thriller, starring Ray Milland and Grace Kelly. ★★★★★

ITV

7pm Emmerdale Belle is shocked when she witnesses Zak and Joanie kissing.
8.00 Coronation Street Fiz tells Tyrone that Hope may not be allowed home.
8.30 The Abba Christmas Party Paddy McGuinness presents a celebration of the Swedish pop stars.
9.45 Through the Christmas Keyhole Keith Lemon snoops round three celebrity homes, while Stephen Mulhern, Claudia Winkleman and Jimmy Carr compete.
10.45 ITV News
11.00 Christmas Carols on ITV A festive service at St Elisabeth's Church in Stockport.

Channel 4

7pm Jamie's Night Before Christmas The chef presents foolproof recipes and clever last minute ways to improve dishes.
8.00 My Crazy Christmas Lights Cameras follow the people who spend each year trying to come out on top in the decorating stakes.
9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special Team captain Sean Lock is joined by Peter Andre and Rob Beckett to take on Jon Richardson, Roisin Conaty and Joe Lycett.
10.00 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker Alex Zane and Tiny Tom deliver some festive treats.
11.00 Gogglebox More opinionated views of TV.

Channel 5

7pm Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud Iain Lee narrates a compilation of festive clips.
7.55 Frank Sinatra & Gene Kelly: Old Blue Eyes Is Back A performance in front of a studio audience in 1973.
8.25 Happy Holidays with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby The entertainers sing a range of Christmas songs in 1957.
8.55 Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show Ernie rewrites Julius Caesar with Eric as star.
10.00 Christmas with the Double Acts Featuring much-loved entertainers.
11.00 Morecambe & Wise Live! 1973 The duo's stand-up stage act.

ITV2

5.25pm FILM The Polar Express (2004) Animation, with Tom Hanks, Chris Coppola and Michael Jeter. ★★★★
7.25 FILM The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) Animation, with the voices of Catherine O'Hara and Chris Sarandon. ★★★★★
9.00 FILM Casino Royale (2006) Espionage thriller, starring Daniel Craig and Eva Green. MI6 Agent James Bond must win a high-stakes poker game to stop the financing of terrorism. ★★★★★
11.55 Celebrity Juice Christmas Special Keith Lemon hosts, with Holly Willoughby, Gino D'Acampo, Jay McGuiness, Louise Redknapp, Michelle Keegan and Jimmy Carr.

BBC3

7pm Merry Madagascar Santa and his reindeer crash onto Madagascar.
7.20 FILM Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (2008) Animation, with Ben Stiller and Chris Rock. ★★★★
8.40 FILM Kung Fu Panda 2 (2011) Animation, with Jack Black and Angelina Jolie. ★★★★
10.00 EastEnders
10.35 Him & Her Newly-engaged Becky and Steve entertain Paul, Laura and an unexpected guest.
11.05 Family Guy Stewie and Brian try to stop Bertram from killing Leonardo da Vinci.
11.30 Family Guy Meg goes off the deep end.
11.50 Family Guy Quagmire is in hospital.

Film4

11am Arrietty (2010) Animation, with the voice of Saoirse Ronan. ★★★★
12.50 FILM Evolution (2001) Comedy, starring David Duchovny. ★★★
2.55 FILM Bride Wars (2009) Comedy, starring Kate Hudson. ★★★
4.40 FILM Parental Guidance (2012) Comedy, starring Billy Crystal. ★★★
6.45 FILM I, Robot (2004) Action, starring Will Smith. ★★★★
9.00 FILM The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011) Comedy drama, starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith. ★★★★
11.25 FILM Dredd (2012) Action, starring Karl Urban. ★★★★

Christmas Day

BBC One

6am Breakfast 9.00 Shrek the Halls 9.20 The Clangers 9.35 Danger Mouse: The Snowman Cometh 10.00 Christmas Day Service Live from Bath Abbey 11.00 FILM The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (2006) ★★ **12.25 FILM Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted** (2012) ★★★★ **1.50 BBC News 2.00 Top of the Pops 3.00 The Queen's Christmas Broadcast 2015 3.10 FILM Brave** (2012) Animation, with the voice of Kelly Macdonald. ★★★★ **4.35 BBC News 4.45 Stick Man 5.15 Doctor Who** The Time Lord and River Song are reunited. **6.15 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special** With Tess Daly. **7.30 Call the Midwife** Grieving Iris struggles to summon up festive spirit. **8.45 EastEnders** Jane and Ian try to protect Bobby's secret. **9.45 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special** Mark and Betty argue over an old flame. **10.25 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show 11.25 News; Weather 11.40 Love Came Down at Christmas 11.45 Comedy Bloopers 12.15 Not Going Out 1.00 FILM Surviving Christmas** (2004) ★★ **2.25 Weather for the Week 2.30 BBC News**

BBC Two

6am FILM The Road to El Dorado (2000) ★★★★ **7.20 Galapagos: Islands of Change – Natural World 8.20 FILM Herbie Rides Again** (1974) ★★★ **9.45 FILM The Cat in the Hat** (2003) ★★ **11.00 Carols from King's 12.15 Climbed Every Mountain – The Story Behind the Sound of Music 1.15 The Good Life 1.45 FILM Frankenweenie** (2012) Animation, with the voice of Charlie Tahan. ★★★★ **3.05 Tim Rice – A Life in Song** A celebration of the musical lyricists. **4.35 FILM Romeo & Juliet** (2013) Drama, with Hailee Steinfeld. ★★★ **6.20 The Queen's Christmas Broadcast 6.30 World's Sneakiest Animals 7.30 Dad's Army** The platoon organises a Christmas dinner. **8.00 The Two Ronnies Christmas Special** Seasonal helping of jokes. **8.50 Darcey's Ballet Heroes** Darcey Bussell meets the people who transformed male ballet. **9.50 QI** With Jenny Eclair and Johnny Vegas. **10.20 We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story** Comedy drama, starring Paul Ritter. **11.20 FILM Gambit** (2012) Comedy, with Colin Firth. ★★★ **12.40 FILM The Trouble with Harry** (1955) ★★★★ **2.20 This Is BBC Two**

ITV

6am CITV 8.25 Weekend at Christmas 9.25 FILM Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) ★★★ **11.30 FILM Happy Feet** (2006) ★★★★ **1.35 Text Santa 2.45 ITV News 3.00 HM The Queen 3.10 Cameraman to the Queen** Documentary following royal cameraman Peter Wilkinson. **4.10 Countrywise Winter Wonderland** A special seasonal edition of the rural series with Paul Heiney, Liz Bonnin and Ben Fogle. **5.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas** Paul returns to Battersea Dogs and Cats Home for a festive special. **6.00 ITV News 6.15 You've Been Framed! With Bells On!** Festive footage. **6.45 Emmerdale** Belle is unable to hide her hatred of Joanie. **7.45 Coronation Street** Tracy overhears Amy telling Robert he can be her number two Dad. **8.45 FINAL Downton Abbey** The residents of the estate, both above and below stairs, prepare to welcome 1926. **10.45 Our Cilla** Tribute to the Liverpudlian star who died earlier this year. **11.45 ITV News 12.00 FILM Dr No** (1962) Action, starring Sean Connery and Ursula Andress. ★★★★ **1.50 Murder, She Wrote 2.45 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA 3.25 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

5.55am Olive, The Other Reindeer 6.45 Prep & Landing 7.05 Prep & Landing: Naughty vs. Nice 7.30 The Bear 8.00 FILM A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures (2010) ★★★ **9.40 The Simpsons 11.15 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas 11.40 Toy Story Toons 12.10 Father Christmas** Animation. **12.40 The Snowman 1.15 The Snowman and the Snowdog 1.45 FILM The Muppet Christmas Carol** (1992) Comedy, with Michael Caine. ★★★★ **3.25 Channel 4 News 3.35 Alternative Christmas Message 3.45 FILM Scrooged** (1988) Comedy, starring Bill Murray. ★★★★ **5.45 FILM Home Alone 2: Lost in New York** (1992) Comedy, with Macaulay Culkin. ★★★★ **8.00 Gogglesprogs** Children give their takes on memorable TV. **9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special** With Catherine Tate's Nan, Keith Lemon, Lorraine Kelly, Emma Willis and Marvin Humes. **11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special 12.05 Very British Problems at Christmas 1.05 FILM Ferris Bueller's Day Off** (1986) ★★★★ **2.50 Friday Night Dinner 3.15 Gadget Man 4.10 Benchmark 4.55 Grand Designs Australia 5.50 How I Met Your Mother**

Channel 5

6am Milkshake! 9.50 Andre Rieu's Christmas Spectacular 10.50 FILM Scrooge (1970) ★★★★ **1.05 FILM Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** (1954) Comedy, starring Jane Powell and Howard Keel. ★★★★ **3.10 FILM The Wizard of Oz** (1939) Adventure, starring Judy Garland and Frank Morgan. ★★★★★ **5.10 Michael Buble's Christmas 2015** The multi-Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter is joined by Celine Dion, Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings, and Tori Kelly for special performances. **6.05 Britain's Favourite Xmas Songs** Countdown of Britain's favourite Christmas songs, including The Pogues' Fairytale of New York. **8.50 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up!** The Cockney singers are joined by guests including Eric Clapton, Jimmy Cricket and Jim Davidson for this special. **9.40 Britain's Favourite Abba Songs** Countdown of the Swedish supergroup's best-loved songs, as voted for by the listening public, featuring Waterloo and Mamma Mia. **11.05 Sinatra 100: An All-Star Grammy Concert** Tony Bennett and Alicia Keys join the famous line-up at Las Vegas's Encore Theatre. **1.25 Abba: Live in Concert** Music from Wembley Arena in 1979 **2.35 SuperCasino 4.00 Christmas with Britain's Biggest Family 4.45 House Doctor**

ITV2

6am Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.25 Emmerdale 7.25 Coronation Street 7.55 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas 8.55 You've Been Framed at Christmas! 9.50 You've Been Framed! 10.15 Catchphrase: Christmas Special 11.15 Merry Christmas Mr Bean 11.50 Mr Bean 12.25 Emmerdale 1.25 Coronation Street 2.00 FILM The Polar Express (2004) Animation, with Tom Hanks. ★★★★ **3.55 FILM ET: The Extra-Terrestrial** (1982) Sci-fi drama, starring Dee Wallace and Peter Coyote. ★★★★ **6.15 FILM The Lost World: Jurassic Park** (1997) Action, starring Jeff Goldblum. ★★★★ **8.45 FILM Quantum of Solace** (2008) Espionage thriller, starring Daniel Craig and Olga Kurylenko. ★★★★ **10.55 FILM The Bourne Supremacy** (2004) Thriller, with Matt Damon. A man is forced to take up his former life as an assassin. ★★★★ **1.05 Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 2 2.00 Release the Hounds: Famous & Freaked 2.55 Tricked 3.45 Educating Joey Essex 4.35 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Bonkingly Big Hits 5.25 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen**

BBC3

7pm The Gruffalo's Child Short animated film based on the best-selling children's picture book by author Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler. **7.30 FILM Toy Story** (1995) Classic animated family comedy from Pixar, with the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen and John Ratzenberger. A cowboy doll is jealous when his owner's new toy is more popular than him. However, his jealousy soon puts both of the pair's lives in jeopardy. ★★★★★ **8.45 FILM How to Train Your Dragon** (2010) Young Hiccup is the son of a Viking warrior who, along with the rest of the villagers, view dragons as their greatest enemy. But when Hiccup befriends an injured night fury, he sees a new side to the creatures, knowledge that comes in handy when training as a dragon slayer. Animation, with the voices of Jay Baruchel and Gerard Butler. ★★★★★ **10.15 Live at the Apollo** Dara O Briain hosts stand-up comedy, recorded live at London's legendary Hammersmith Apollo. Dara brings the house down before introducing his very special guests, Inbetweeners star Greg Davies and Canadian one-liner specialist, Stewart Francis. **11.00 EastEnders** Jane and Ian try to protect Bobby's secret. Meanwhile, Sharon is determined to keep her own family safe. **12.00 American Dad! 2.15 Uncle 3.45 Sunny D 4.00 This Is BBC Three**

Film4

11am White Christmas (1954) Musical comedy, starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye. ★★★★ **1.20 FILM Howl's Moving Castle** (2004) Animation, with the voices of Emily Mortimer and Jean Simmons. ★★★★★ **3.40 FILM Avatar** (2009) Disabled ex-Marine Jake Sully replaces his recently killed brother on a mission to the distant world of Pandora, where he discovers plans to drive off the Na'vi, the planet's native inhabitants. Sci-fi action, starring Sam Worthington. ★★★★ **6.50 FILM School of Rock** (2003) A slacker rock musician who dreams of the big time bluffs his way into a job as a supply teacher at an expensive private school, where he discovers his class actually have some musical ability. Comedy, starring Jack Black. ★★★★ **9.00 FILM Pitch Perfect** (2012) A sullen freshman is reluctant to get involved in university life until she joins an all-girl a cappella group and tries to help the team to win a trophy in a national competition. Comedy, starring Anna Kendrick. ★★★★ **11.10 FILM Coming to America** (1988) Prince Akeem, a wealthy and pampered African prince, heads to America in search of a bride. Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. ★★★★ **1.25 Taxi Driver** (1976) Drama, starring Robert De Niro and Jodie Foster. ★★★★★

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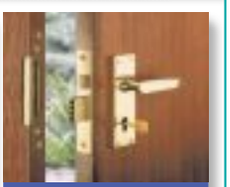
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Boxing Day

BBC One

6am Breakfast 10.00 Christmas Saturday Kitchen 11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas

12.15 BBC News

12.25 Football Focus

1.00 Comic Relief 2015: Thanks a Billion!

2.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out Claymation.

2.25 A Grand Night In: The Story of Aardman

3.25 FILM Puss in Boots (2011) ★★★★

4.45 FILM The Croods (2013) Animation. ★★★★

6.10 The Farmer's Llamas

6.40 BBC News

6.50 Regional News

7.00 NEW Dickensian Drama featuring Dickens' characters, with Peter Firth.

7.30 EastEnders The Beale and Mitchell families are left reeling.

8.00 NEW Still Open All Hours Yuletide sees Granville joining forces with Gastric.

8.30 Dickensian The news of Jacob Marley's murder filters through the Christmas celebrations.

9.00 NEW And Then There Were None The first of a three-part Agatha Christie adaptation, with Aidan Turner.

10.00 News

10.20 The National Lottery Live

10.30 Match of the Day

12.05 FILM The Guardian (2006) ★★★★ **2.15 Weather for the Week 2.20 News**

BBC Two

6am Race to Super Bowl 50 6.50 Flog It! 7.35 FILM Tom Thumb (1958) ★★★★ **9.05 FILM Hotel for Dogs** (2009) ★★★ **10.35 Ten Pieces II 11.35 FILM G-Force** (2009) ★★★

1.00 Attenborough's Big Birds – Natural World Documentary.

2.00 Attenborough's Paradise Birds

3.00 FILM Bedtime Stories (2008) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler and Guy Pearce. ★★★

4.30 Final Score

5.30 Don't Panic! The Dad's Army Story

6.20 We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story Drama, with Paul Ritter and Richard Dormer.

7.20 Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring has an unexpected guest.

8.00 NEW Top Gear: From A-Z John Bishop narrates this tribute to the Hammond, Clarkson and May years of the show.

9.00 A Gert Lush Christmas Comedy drama, written by and starring Russell Howard.

10.00 Abz on the Christmas Farm The team catches up with rapper-turned-smallholder Abz.

10.30 Backchat Looks Back Jack Whitehall and his father pick apart all the big news stories of 2015.

11.30 FILM Kinky Boots (2005) Comedy, with Chiwetel Ejiofor. ★★★

1.15 FILM Marnie (1964) ★★★★ **3.20 Imagine... The Ecstasy of Wilko Johnson 4.55 This Is BBC Two**

ITV

6am CITV 9.25 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas 10.25 You've Been Framed! 10.55 FILM Back to the Future Part III (1990) ★★★★

1.05 ITV News

1.20 FILM Jurassic Park (1993) Action, starring Sam Neill. ★★★★★

3.40 Midsomer Murders The body of a young man is found in a Second World War-era car.

5.40 ITV News

6.00 The Nation's Favourite Disney Song Stephen Mulhern narrates a tribute to classic tracks from films including The Jungle Book.

7.00 Surprise Surprise Holly Willoughby presents a festive special as One Direction give two sisters the surprise of a lifetime.

8.00 Peter & Wendy Fantasy adventure, starring Stanley Tucci and Laura Fraser. Twelve-year-old Lucy, in Great Ormond Street Hospital, reads the Peter Pan story to a group of young patients. However, when she goes to sleep afterwards, she dreams her own version of the classic.

10.05 LAST The Jonathan Ross Show Christmas Special The presenter introduces a festive edition and is joined by a selection of famous faces for chat.

11.10 ITV News

11.25 FILM From Russia with Love (1963) Action, starring Sean Connery. ★★★★

1.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

6am How I Met Your Mother 6.15 FILM Ramona and Beezus (2010) ★★★★ **8.00 The Morning Line 9.00 The Big Bang Theory 10.25 The Simpsons 11.25 FILM Fantastic Mr Fox** (2009) ★★★★

1.10 Channel 4 Racing Nick Luck and the team, including AP McCoy, are at Kempton for the track's biggest day of the year. The highlight is the £200,000 King George VI Chase.

3.30 FILM Home Alone 3 (1997) Comedy, starring Alex D. Linz and Olek Krupa. ★★★

5.25 Channel 4 News

5.35 The Secret Life of Children at Christmas

6.30 Britain's Favourite Children's Books with David Walliams Celebration of kids' books, presented by the best-selling children's author, who counts down the top 50 publications.

8.00 Inside Lego at Christmas Documentary in which cameras visit the Lego factory to see how staff prepare for the busy season.

9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2015 Jimmy Carr hosts, with Rob Brydon, Richard Ayoade, David Mitchell, Claudia Winkleman and Jo Brand taking up the challenge.

11.05 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker Alex Zane presents.

12.10 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special 2.05 Rude Tube 3.00 Hollyoaks Omnibus 5.10 Location, Location, Location

Channel 5

6am Milkshake! 9.10 The Saturday Show 11.10 The Dog Rescuers at Christmas with Alan Davies

12.10 The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe

3.15 FILM Diana (2013) Drama, starring Naomi Watts and Naveen Andrews. ★★★

5.05 FILM One Chance (2013) Comedy, starring James Corden and Alexandra Roach. ★★★★

7.05 Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud Funnyman Iain Lee narrates a compilation of festive clips, featuring questionable performances by out-of-tune carol singers and a memorable star of a Nativity play.

8.05 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up! The Cockney singers host a festive musical special as they are joined by guests including comedians Jimmy Cricket and Jim Davidson, and rock star Eric Clapton.

9.00 Football League Tonight: Boxing Day Special Kelly Cates and George Riley present highlights from the lower tiers, including Brentford v Brighton and Ipswich v QPR in the Championship,.

10.30 Most Shocking Christmas TV Moments Documentary series which takes viewers back to look at some truly terrible television from years gone by.

12.30 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away 1.25 SuperCasino 3.10 Kids' Hospital 4.00 Chris Tarrant on the Polar Express 4.50 Make It Big 5.40 Angels of Jarm

ITV2

6am Emmerdale Omnibus 9.00 Coronation Street Omnibus 11.55 FILM Space Jam (1996) ★★★

1.40 FILM Happy Feet (2006) Animated adventure, with the voice of Elijah Wood. ★★★

3.45 Emmerdale Diane has a plan to get Eric out of exile.

4.50 Coronation Street Tracy is given a Christmas to remember.

5.55 You've Been Framed! With Bells On! Harry Hill presents.

6.25 Minion Madness Shorts Three mini-animated movies from the creators of Despicable Me.

6.40 FILM Despicable Me (2010) Down-on-his-luck criminal mastermind Gru plans to use three orphan girls in his plot to obtain a shrink ray and steal the Moon. Animation, with Steve Carell. ★★★★

8.30 FILM Skyfall (2012) James Bond returns to hunt a mysterious enemy who threatens to bring down MI6. Action, starring Daniel Craig and Judi Dench. ★★★★

11.20 FILM The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) A former CIA hitman with amnesia joins forces with a London reporter to uncover the truth about his past. Action, with Matt Damon. ★★★★★

1.35 Unseen Celebrity Juice Tit Bits 2.15 Release the Hounds 3.10 Reality Bites 3.45 Viral Tap 4.20 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 5.10 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

BBC3

7pm Doctor Who It is Christmas Day on a remote human colony, and the Doctor is hiding from Christmas carols and comedy antlers. But when a crashed spaceship calls upon the Time Lord for help, he finds himself recruited into River Song's squad and hurled into a fast and frantic chase across the galaxy.

8.00 FILM Toy Story 2 (1999) Woody is snatched by a toy collector and is torn between his friends and 'family'. Animated sequel, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. ★★★★

9.30 Live at the Apollo The cream of British comedic talent return to the stage at the world famous Hammersmith Apollo. Scottish wonderkid Kevin Bridges hosts with guest performances from Shappi Khorsandi and Jack Whitehall.

10.00 EastEnders Christmas Day in Walford continues as The Beale and Mitchell families are left reeling.

10.30 Russell Howard's Good News The comic offers up all the best bits from the current series of Good News, alongside previously unseen material.

11.00 Family Guy Stewie and Brian travel to the North Pole to teach Santa a lesson.

11.45 Family Guy Peter meets Jesus at the mall.

12.05 Family Guy 1.30 Uncle 3.00 Don't Tell the Bride 4.00 This Is BBC Three

Film4

11am FILM Kiki's Delivery Service (1989) Animation, with Lisa Michelson. ★★★★

1.15 FILM Arthur Christmas (2011) Animation, with the voice of James McAvoy. ★★★★

3.15 FILM Rio (2011) Animation, with the voice of Jesse Eisenberg. ★★★★

5.05 FILM The Spy Next Door (2010) A secret agent is pitted against the Russian mafia and three children of the single mother he's fallen for. Action, starring Jackie Chan. ★★★

6.55 FILM Tower Heist (2011) Apartment block manager Josh Kovaks is determined to have the last laugh when the unscrupulous plutocrat Arthur Shaw purloins the building's staff's pension fund. Action, starring Eddie Murphy. ★★★

9.00 FILM Iron Man 2 (2010) Billionaire inventor Tony Stark faces pressure from the government, the press, and the public to share his superpowered technology with the military. Action, starring Robert Downey Jr. ★★★

11.25 FILM Sexy Beast (2000) A criminal living in retirement with his wife in Spain has his peace shattered by former associate Don, a violent psychopath sent by an underworld boss to persuade him to return for one last job. Thriller, starring Ray Winstone. ★★★★

1.10 FILM Under the Skin (2014) Drama, starring Scarlett Johansson. ★★★

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pantomimefeast

TAKE one princess, one lowly serf, a funny-man, a Hollywood legend, a dame and an enormous sprinkling of talent and Christmas finally got into full swing at Milton Keynes Theatre.

With all the 'it's behind you' and 'oh no it isn't' that you could have shaken a stick at, the cast of Aladdin enthralled the audience.

In a mix of songs and laughs, all present were whisked away to the Orient where Kevin Orkain (Wishee Washee) told the story of how a humble washer woman's son got to marry his princess.

From the moment the curtain lifts, the entertainment begins as the theatre erupts into a riot of colour provided by a plethora of stars with wonderfully choreographed dance routines that included young dancers from Stony Stratford's own Myra Tiffin Performing Arts School.

As in past years, a cast of stars packed the stage, none bigger than Priscilla Presley (Genie of the Lamp), who played Jenna Wade to more than 300 million weekly viewers in Dallas and, of course, was the wife of the late Elvis Presley.

Her much-anticipated entry came late in the first half as she literally flew onto the set, soon followed by a host of Elvis song title gags that had all those watching laughing and groaning at the same time.

Aladdin, played by the former a1 hunk Ben Adams, brought the age-old story bang up to date with a smattering of pop songs.

A panto would not be the same without a dame and Gary Wilmot was the perfect Widow Twankey, keeping the tradition of the role going strong with as many laughs and innuendos as he had costume changes.

Among the long list of stars, Wayne Sleep (Genie of the Lamp) tiptoed his way around the stage and provided a stunning tap routine in the second half.

With so many goodie two shoes about, Marc Pickering made the perfectly loathed evil Abanazer with a hint of 'who cares about you lot' in his performance.

The final ingredients to make a wonderful Christmas panto were a beautiful princess for Aladdin in the shape of Aimee Atkinson (Princess Jasmine), who made a flawless appearance as the daughter of the Emperor (David Whitworth), and a hapless policeman (PC Pong) played by the diminutive Phil Holden.

Stirred together, this whole bowlful of talent provided a feast to be devoured by eyes and ears … and Christmas had truly begun.

COMING UP: More panto news

AMY CONVERSE, from Vets4Pets in Bletchley, writes her monthly column for MK LIFE. Here, she tells us to protect rabbits and guinea pigs from wintry weather

AS THE weather is getting colder, it is important to remember our small furries like rabbits and guinea pigs.

As rabbits and guinea pigs are housed outdoors they can suffer more with problems of hypothermia.

The temperature for rabbits to be kept outside, as long as they are healthy and provided with plenty of bedding for warmth, is between five and 20 degrees celsius. For guinea pigs the temperature is between 15 and 20 degrees celsius.

There are several adaptations to make to the housing of your pet to protect against cold weather changes.

Hutches should be at least four inches off the ground and be protected from draughts, snow, rain and wind.

Also make sure extra bedding is provided, including covering with a tarpaulin or old duvet to protect from wind.

As temperatures get close to freezing, your pets' water bottles should be checked to make sure they are not frozen and access to fresh water is available.

If you are concerned, you should bring your pets inside for shelter from excessively cold weather.

roaringtwenties

WHITTLEBURY Hall Hotel and Spa is hosting a number of fabulous 1920s Christmas parties this year in a bid to help you relive the exhilarating era of newfangled motor cars and cocktail bars, rhythmic jazz music and daring dances – the Roaring Twenties.

So if you fancy watching professional flapper dances while sipping juice and feasting on food – this one's for you.

From £45 per person, the 1920s-themed Christmas Party Nights begin at 7pm with an arrival drink, followed by a freshly-prepared three-course dinner.

Events are available from Saturday to Tuesday.

For more information visit www.whittleburyhall.co.uk

christmascomedy

THE Comedy Cow hosts its Christmas Comedy Night at The Crown in Stony Stratford.

All of the nights are headlined by Nick Page, **pictured**, who was famously sacked from his job presenting Escape to the Country and comedians don't get much more experienced than him.

See comedy magician Phil Knoxville, musical comedian Gwilum Argos and the burlesque of Tickety Boo, with primary school teacher Mike Belgrave presenting all of the nights.

Tickets are still available for the events on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 23. They cost £15 at thecomedycow.co.uk

creativekids

MK GALLERY is hosting a special creative session for children aged nought to 11 on Saturday, which will celebrate the winter season.

The Illuminate workshop will run between 1pm and 3pm and will allow children to help artists Bethany Mitchell and Jonny Hill transform the gallery's event space with a mix of experimental sound making, live projection and eye-catching light and colour-inspired activities. The children can even get creative at the Illuminate mocktail bar.

The event is free but pre-booking is essential and can be done via the gallery's website at mkgallery.org

santarun

WILLEN Hospice is calling on people to don a Santa outfit and run a lap of North Willen Lake to help raise money for patient care and family support at the centre.

Prices for the run – which takes place on Sunday from 10am – are £15 for adults (which includes a Santa suit), £5 for children (which includes a Santa hat) and £1.50 for dogs – who get their own set of antlers.

Whether you're looking for a seasonal stroll, a run or a wintry walk, Willen Hospice is hoping you can take part. For information on how to book, go to willen-hospice.org

festiveshows

KICK off the festive season in style and take your seat for Cleo's annual Christmas celebration.

She has invited a host of friends and family to create shows packed with great music and seasonal fun, as well as some surprises along the way.

Special guest for the shows will be Ian Shaw, one of the UK's foremost jazz singers and performers.

Cleo's Christmas Shows kick off at The Stables at 8pm on Friday and end on Saturday at 2.30pm.

Tickets range from £29.50-£32 and are available to buy at www.stables.org

carolsinging

MK LIFE has collected a list of all the Christmas carol services in Milton Keynes, but here are just a few coming up soon.

The centre:mk is hosting an Evening of Festive Music and Entertainment to support the work of the YMCA.

The evening is at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone today from 7pm.

Doors open from 6.30pm and tickets include food, gifts and goodies.

Adult entry is £6 and children under 12 cost £3.

For tickets call 01908 295609.

On Sunday, there will be Carols by the Lake from 3.30pm at Willen.

The event is free and visitors are asked to bring a lantern and wrap up warm.

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8.00 Still Open All Hours Granville has a cut price sale at the shop.

8.30 Dickensian An uninvited guest attends the Havisham New Year's party.

9.00 And Then There Were None The remaining guests on Soldier Island desperately try to unmask the killer.

10.00 BBC News

10.15 Regional News

10.25 Catherine Tate's Nan First of a two-part comedy special with the pensioner.

11.00 Miranda Hart – My What I Call Live Show With Kim Wall, Sharon Horgan and John Finnemore.

BBC Two

6.10pm FILM Deep Impact (1998) Action, starring Robert Duvall and Tea Leoni. An asteroid threatens to destroy Earth. ★★★

8.00 Dragons' Den The Dragons turn 50 shades of angry over a product promising to banish grey hairs.

9.00 LAST Gorilla Family & Me Gordon Buchanan returns to the Democratic Republic of Congo to discover the fate of his gorilla family.

10.00 U2: iNNOCENCE + eXPERIENCE – Live in Paris Restaging of the concert that was due to be filmed on November 14, but was cancelled due to the tragic terrorist shootings in Paris.

ITV

6.30pm Jekyll and Hyde Robert heads to the Jezequiel House with Olalla and Ravi in tow.

7.30 LAST Jekyll and Hyde Robert and his team are ambushed by Dance's crew.

8.30 Harry Price: Ghost Hunter Harry investigates claims a house is haunted. With the help of housemaid Sarah Grey, he uncovers a dark history surrounding it.

10.30 News; Weather

10.45 Through the Christmas Keyhole Stephen Mulhern, Claudia Winkleman and Jimmy Carr join Keith Lemon.

11.45 Premiership Rugby Highlights With Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman.

Channel 4

7pm Million Pound Motors Documentary following an eccentric vintage car salesmen.

8.00 NEW Walking the Himalayas Following explorer Levison Wood as he takes on a new challenge.

9.00 LAST Homeland The clock is running out for Carrie Mathison as she realises that she cannot escape her past.

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special With Jon Richardson, Katherine Ryan, Sean Lock and Johnny Vegas.

11.00 FILM The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) Comedy, with Simon Bird ★★★★

Channel 5

7pm World's Strongest Man Coverage of the first heat of the finals.

7.55 5 News Update

8.00 On Benefits: Cashing in for Christmas Single mum Marie struggles to fill Santa's sack for her eight children.

9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2015 A lighthearted look at the some of the most outlandish and outrageous antics by the rich and famous this year.

11.55 The Last Hours of Robin Williams Dr Shepherd pieces together the events of the comic actor's final hours to uncover what triggered his suicide.

ITV2

4.35pm FILM The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) Action sequel, starring Jeff Goldblum and Julianne Moore. ★★★★

7.05 FILM Uncle Buck (1989) A bungling bachelor becomes a last-minute babysitter for his brother's three children. Comedy, starring John Candy and Jean Louisa Kelly. ★★★★

9.00 FILM Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) Sharon Maguire's Oscar-nominated romantic comedy, starring Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth and Hugh Grant. ★★★★

11.00 FILM Scary Movie 5 (2013) A man fights a destructive paranormal presence in his home. Comedy, starring Ashley Tisdale and Simon Rex. ★★

BBC3

7pm First Flight

7.10 FILM Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005) Animation, with Peter Sallis and Helena Bonham Carter. ★★★★

8.30 FILM Kung Fu Panda (2008) Animation, with Jack Black and Ian McShane. ★★★★

9.50 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D Robert Webb shares more silver screen slip-ups.

10.00 Family Guy Brian and Stewie travel back in time to the pilot episode.

10.25 Family Guy Lois cooks a Thanksgiving meal.

10.45 American Dad! Animated double bill.

11.30 Family Guy Two episodes of the comedy.

Film4

11am FILM My Neighbour Totoro (1988) Comedy. ★★★★★

12.50 FILM Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) Animation, with the voice of Ray Romano. ★★★★

2.40 FILM Catch That Kid (2004) Comedy, starring Kristen Stewart. ★★★

4.35 FILM Millions (2004) Comedy, starring Alex Etel. ★★★★

6.25 FILM Beautiful Creatures (2013) Drama, starring Alice Englert. ★★★

9.00 FILM Four Christmases (2008) Comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon. ★★★

10.40 FILM Lovelace (2013) Drama, starring Amanda Seyfried. ★★★

Monday 28 Dec

BBC One

7pm Celebrity Mastermind Tom Kerridge is among the contestants on the quiz.

7.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death The duo open a bakery.

8.00 EastEnders A drunken Billy sets out to pop the question.

8.30 Miranda Miranda makes a final attempt to accept herself.

9.05 LAST And Then There Were None The surviving inhabitants look to each other for support and protection.

10.05 News; Weather

10.20 Regional News; Weather

10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents the best action.

BBC Two

6pm FILM What Women Want (2000) Romantic comedy, starring Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt. ★★★

8.00 Christmas University Challenge Nicky Campbell, Kezia Dugdale and Adam Hart compete.

8.30 Only Connect The quarter-final between the Wayfarers and the Bookworms.

9.00 FILM Behind the Candelabra (2013) Biographical drama, starring Matt Damon and Michael Douglas. ★★★★

10.50 Two Doors Down Beth and Eric's Hogmanay is ruined.

11.50 Dragons' Den A zombie bootcamp business pitches to the Dragons.

ITV

7pm Emmerdale Zak tries to build bridges with Belle.

7.30 Coronation Street Tracey sees Rob's true colours and Ken rides off into the distance.

8.00 LAST Countrywise Paul Heiney visits the Great Dorset Steam Fair.

8.30 Coronation Street Carla discovers the truth about Johnny.

9.00 John Bishop's Gorilla Adventure The comedian joins a group of vets in Rwanda.

10.00 News; Weather

10.15 FILM The Holiday (2006) Two women swap homes over the festive period. Comedy, starring Kate Winslet and Cameron Diaz. ★★★★

Channel 4

7.05pm A Frozen Christmas Cameras follow people involved in the luxury business of decorative ice.

8.00 The World's Most Expensive Food Featuring a man who sells chocolate at £195 a bar, a wine boutique which sells one bottle for £80,000 and a water manufacturer who charges up to £30 a bottle.

9.00 Gogglebox 2015 A special edition revisiting the funniest moments from the show in which viewers have their say.

10.35 Tattoo Fixers Featuring a man who needs to lose the ink he got to win an argument.

11.40 David Blaine: Real or Magic Featuring Harrison Ford.

Channel 5

6.55pm World's Strongest Man Heat two of the grand final.

7.50 5 News Update

8.00 Building the Ice Hotel Ake Larson and architect Arne Bergh attempt to build a hotel out of ice.

9.00 The Frank Sinatra Story Charting the singer's career across seven decades, from boy singer in Hoboken, to international superstar.

10.00 Frank Sinatra Live in New York The crooner performs classic tunes for an audience.

11.00 Frank Sinatra & Gene Kelly: Old Blue Eyes is Back

11.30 Happy Holidays with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby

ITV2

5.45pm FILM The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) Peter Jackson's adventure adaptation of JRR Tolkien's 1937 book, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. ★★★★

9.00 FILM Casino Royale (2006) The newly-qualified 00 agent James Bond is sent on his first mission, investigating a banker suspected of financing international terrorism. Action, starring Daniel Craig and Eva Green. ★★★★★

11.55 Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 1 Keith Lemon rounds off 2015 with this festive special looking back at series thirteen and fourteen of the outrageous panel show.

BBC3

7pm The Borrowers After being discovered by humans', borrowers Pod and Homily and their daughter Arrietty are forced to leave their home.

8.30 FILM Kung Fu Panda 2 (2011) Animated adventure sequel, with the voices of Jack Black and Angelina Jolie. ★★★★

9.50 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D Robert Webb presents more silver screen slip-ups.

10.00 EastEnders

10.30 Bad Education It is the day of the Abbey Grove school field trips.

11.00 American Dad! Snot learns of his absent father's death.

11.25 American Dad! Steve makes fake IDs.

11.45 Family Guy

Film4

11am FILM Spirited Away (2001) Animation. ★★★★★

1.25 FILM Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) Animation, with the voice of Zac Efron. ★★★★

3.05 FILM The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) Comedy, starring Michael Caine. ★★★★

4.45 FILM Tooth Fairy (2010) Comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson. ★★★

6.55 FILM Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) Sci-fi action, with James Franco Andy Serkis. ★★★★

9.00 FILM Ted (2012) Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg. ★★★★

11.05 FILM Machete Kills (2013) Action, starring Danny Trejo. ★★★

Tuesday 29 Dec

BBC One

7pm Celebrity Mastermind Guests include Vincent Franklin.

7.30 EastEnders Shirley makes a decision with a big impact.

8.00 Holby City Ric Griffin returns to the hospital, but finds a lot has changed in his absence.

9.00 David Beckham: For the Love of the Game Following the former England footballer as he plays seven games in seven continents.

10.30 News

10.45 Regional News

10.55 Peter Kay's Car Share John gives Kayleigh unwanted encouragement.

11.25 Mrs Brown's Boys Festive special.

11.55 Boomers

BBC Two

5.55pm FILM Finding Neverland (2004) Romantic drama, starring Johnny Depp. ★★★★

7.30 Christmas University Challenge Featuring Tim Willcox and Tim Smit from the University of Durham.

8.00 NEW Gareth Malone's Great Choir Reunion The choirmaster tries to unite members of past choirs.

9.00 A Life on Screen Stephen Fry tells the story behind his success in film and TV.

10.00 QI With Sarah Millican, Tommy Tiernan and Josh Widdicombe.

10.30 FILM Albert Nobbs (2011) Drama, starring Glenn Close. ★★★★

ITV

7pm Emmerdale Kerry takes matters into her own hands.

7.30 FILM The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) Teenager Peter Parker becomes a web-slinging superhero after being bitten by a genetically engineered spider. Action, starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. ★★★★

10.10 ITV News

10.25 FILM American Pie (1999) Four friends make a pact to lose their virginity before they graduate from high school. However, the process proves to be easier said than done for the eager youths. Comedy, starring Jason Biggs and Mena Suvari. ★★★★

Channel 4

7pm Inside Lego at Christmas Documentary in which cameras visit the Lego factory to see how staff prepare for the holiday season.

8.00 The Supervet at Christmas Noel Fitzpatrick helps Adam, an Alaskan malamute who needs its knees replacing.

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats End of Year Special Isy Suttie, Richard Osman, Romesh Ranganathan and Joey Essex compete.

10.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2015 Host Jimmy Carr tests Rob Brydon, Richard Ayoade, David Mitchell, Claudia Winkleman and Jo Brand to see who knows the most about the notable events of the past 12 months.

Channel 5

7pm World's Strongest Man Third heat of the grand final.

7.55 5 News Update

8.00 Help! I'm Snowtrapped Footage brings to life seven stories of people who have become trapped in snow.

9.00 FILM Flowers in the Attic (2014) Four children are locked in their grandmother's attic by their scheming mother so she can reclaim the family fortune. Thriller, starring Heather Graham. ★★★

10.45 FILM Erin Brockovich (2000) An impoverished single mother gets a job at a law firm and stumbles upon a major case. Drama, starring Julia Roberts and Albert Finney. ★★★★

ITV2

7.15pm FILM Liar Liar (1997) A slick lawyer's young son makes a birthday wish that his dad could tell the truth for just 24 hours. Comedy, starring Jim Carrey and Maura Tierney. ★★★★

9.00 FILM The Shawshank Redemption (1994) The story of the relationship struck up between two inmates of Shawshank State Prison over two decades. Award-winning drama, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. ★★★★★

11.55 Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 2 Keith Lemon rounds off 2015 with the second of two festive specials looking back at series 13 and 14.

BBC3

7pm Top Gear: Africa Special Jeremy, James and Richard try to locate the source of the River Nile in Africa.

8.00 Don't Tell the Bride Harry Potter fan, Sean needs all the help he can get planning a spooky witches-and-wizards-themed wedding.

9.00 Don't Tell the Bride Stacey Dooley relives some of the most nail-biting moments from the past 10 series.

10.00 EastEnders

10.30 Russell Howard's Good News A sideways look at the past seven day's headlines.

11.00 Family Guy Double bill of the comedy.

11.45 American Dad! Stan and Francine go out.

Film4

11am FILM Stuart Little (1999) Comedy, with Geena Davis. ★★★

12.40 FILM Stuart Little 2 (2002) Comedy, starring Hugh Laurie. ★★★

2.20 FILM Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. ★★★

4.20 FILM Paranorman (2012) Animation, with Kodi Smit-McPhee. ★★★★

6.10 FILM Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (2003) Action, starring Russell Crowe. ★★★★

9.00 FILM The Purge (2013) Horror, starring Ethan Hawke. ★★★

10.40 FILM Mindscape (2013) Drama, starring Mark Strong. ★★★★

Wednesday 30 Dec

BBC One

7pm Celebrity Mastermind

7.30 A Question of Sport The best moments, featuring Patrick Kielty.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce and the team of experts are at Lyme Park, Cheshire.

9.00 NEW Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough The broadcaster travels to Australia to learn about the reef's eco-system.

10.00 News; Weather

10.15 Regional News

10.25 Catherine Tate's Nan Comedy.

10.55 Mrs Brown's Boys Festive special.

11.25 Comic Relief 2015: Thanks a Billion! With Lenry Henry.

BBC Two

5.50pm FILM Alice in Wonderland (2010) Fantasy drama, starring Mia Wasikowska. ★★★★

7.30 Christmas University Challenge The first semi-final match of the quiz show.

8.00 LAST Top Gear: From A-Z John Bishop narrates the second and final part of best bits.

9.00 Charlie Brooker's 2015 Wipe The satirist picks over the bones of the year's news.

10.00 A Gert Lush Christmas A young man takes his new girlfriend back home with him.

11.00 Mock the Week Dara O Briain looks back at outtakes from the show.

11.30 Backchat Looks Back With Jack Whitehall.

ITV

7pm Emmerdale DS Hart puzzles Robert, and Lawrence throws a party.

7.30 Coronation Street Emily decides to go on an adventure.

8.00 Big Star's Little Star Stephen Mulhern hosts the gameshow, with Fiona O'Carroll, Robbie Fowler and Michael Vaughan competing.

9.00 It'll Be Alright on the Night Griff Rhys Jones presents an all new collection of fluffs from stars including Helen Mirren.

10.00 News; Weather

10.15 FILM American Pie 2 (2001) Comedy, starring Jason Biggs and Seann William Scott. Four school friends reunite during the summer. ★★★

Channel 4

7pm Gogglesprogs Ten sets of children give their take on some of the most memorable news and TV moments.

8.00 What Britain Bought in 2015 Mary Portas looks back on a year of spending in the UK and discovers the most popular and most bizarre purchases of 2015.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E An elderly woman recieves treatment for high levels of potassium.

10.00 The Millionaire Party Planner Following events organiser Liz Taylor and her team as they plan extravagant parties.

11.05 FILM Fast & Furious 5 (2011) Action, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker. ★★★★

Channel 5

7pm World's Strongest Man Heat four of the competition.

7.55 5 News Update

8.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Snow Documentary in which the presenter meets a former communications manager who gave up her old life to train huskies.

9.00 FILM Big Driver (2014) A young novelist is beaten and left for dead, but uses her skills as an investigative writer to locate the attacker and exact revenge. Thriller, starring Maria Bello and Ann Dowd. ★★★

10.50 FILM Needful Things (1993) Drama, based on a Stephen King novel, starring Max von Sydow and Ed Harris. ★★★

ITV2

5.45pm FILM The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) Peter Jackson's adventure adaptation of JRR Tolkien's 1937 book, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. ★★★★

9.00 Luke Kempner's Impression of 2015 Comedy impressionist Luke Kempner takes a cheeky look back at the year's most noteworthy events in a series.

10.00 Celebrity Juice: Bestest of the Unseenest Bits Compilation of moments from the past year of Keith Lemon's outrageous comedy panel show

11.00 FILM Scary Movie 5 (2013) Comedy, starring Ashley Tisdale and Simon Rex. ★★

BBC3

7pm Top Gear Africa Special: Part 2 The trio attempt to locate the source of the River Nile in Africa.

8.00 FILM Toy Story (1995) A cowboy doll is jealous when his owner's new toy is more popular than him. Animation, with Tom Hanks. ★★★★★

9.15 FILM Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (2010) Action, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Gemma Arterton. ★★★★

11.05 Family Guy Carter and Babs take Stewie for a trip.

11.25 Family Guy Brian starts dating a blind girl.

11.50 American Dad! Stan and Roger dream up a new business proposal.

Film4

11am FILM Ponyo (2008) Animation, with Cate Blanchett. ★★★★

1.10 FILM White Christmas (1954) Comedy, starring Bing Crosby. ★★★★

3.30 FILM Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief (2010) Adventure, starring Logan Lerman. ★★★

5.50 FILM Avatar (2009) Action, starring Sam Worthington. ★★★★

9.00 FILM 2 Guns (2013) Action, starring Denzel Washington. ★★★★

11.10 FILM Sleepy Hollow (2000) Horror, starring Johnny Depp. ★★

1.20 FILM The Fighter (2010) Drama, starring Mark Wahlberg. ★★★★

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New Year's Eve

BBC One

6am Breakfast 9.00 FILM Tinker Bell and the Secret of the Wings (2012) ★★★ **10.05 CBeebies Panto: Alice in Wonderland 10.55 FILM The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn** (2011) ★★★
12.30 Bargain Hunt
1.00 News; Weather
1.10 Regional News
1.20 Harry Hill in Professor Branestawm Returns
2.20 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers
2.50 FILM Up (2009) Animation. ★★★★★
4.15 Stick Man
4.45 Take That: These Days on Tour
5.45 Pointless
6.30 BBC News
6.50 Regional News
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
7.30 Roald Dahl's Esio Trot Narrated by James Corden.
9.00 BBC News
9.15 FILM Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie (2014) Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll. ★★
10.45 The Graham Norton Show Guests include Jennifer Lawrence.
11.30 Bryan Adams Rocks Big Ben Live
12.00 New Year's Eve Fireworks 12.10 Bryan Adams Rocks Big Ben Live 12.45 Mrs Brown's Boys 1.15 Miranda Hart – My What I Call Live Show 2.15 Would I Lie To You at Christmas 2.45 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.50 BBC News

BBC Two

6am Homes Under the Hammer 7.00 Flog It! 7.45 This Wild Life 8.15 Great British Menu 8.45 FILM Father of the Bride (1950) ★★★★ **10.15 A Bear with a Bounty – Natural World 11.15 FILM Custer of the West** (1967) ★★★
1.30 FILM Ice Station Zebra (1968) Adventure, with Rock Hudson. ★★★★
3.50 Flog It!
4.50 World's Sneakiest Animals
5.50 FILM The Odd Life of Timothy Green (2012) Comedy, starring Jennifer Garner. ★★★★
7.30 Christmas University Challenge The second semi-final of the challenging quiz show.
8.00 LAST Gareth Malone's Great Choir Reunion The choirmaster tracks down more singers and conducts a series of rehearsals.
9.00 FILM The Sapphires (2012) Comedy, starring Chris O'Dowd. ★★★★
10.40 Live at the Apollo Nina Conti introduces Hal Cruttenden, Tanyalee Davis and Josh Widdicombe.
11.10 Jools's Annual Hootenanny Guests include Tom Jones, Jess Glyne, Paul Weller, Future Islands, Hozier, Rhiannon Giddens, James Bay, Beth Hart, Jeff Beck and Pauline Black.
1.10 Best of Glastonbury 2015 3.10 Snow Chick: A Penguin's Tale 4.10 Back in Time for Christmas 5.10 This Is BBC Two

ITV

6am CITV 7.00 Good Morning Britain 8.30 Lorraine 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal 10.30 Judge Rinder 11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
12.30 ITV News
12.40 FILM Dragonheart (1996) Adventure, starring Dennis Quaid and David Thewlis. ★★★
2.30 Dinosaur Britain
3.30 The Chase
4.30 Downton Abbey
6.30 Regional News
6.45 ITV News
7.00 Emmerdale Things come to a head between Debbie and Ross, while Bernice gets stressed.
8.00 Coronation Street Emily reveals she has booked her flight, while Tyrone and Fiz receive good news about Hope.
8.30 Panda Babies Steve Leonard travels to China, where he goes behind the scenes of three panda reserves to witness a cub being born.
9.35 Birds of a Feather Sharon and Tracey discover that Dorien has been keeping a secret for over 50 years.
10.05 Piers Morgan's Life Stories Another chance to see the candid interview with Cilla Black.
11.05 The Nation's Favourite Bond Song A look at Bond themes.
11.55 ITV News
12.10 The Nation's Favourite Bond Song 12.40 FILM Goldfinger (1964) ★★★ **2.30 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show**

Channel 4

5.55am Small Animal Hospital 6.40 FILM Explorers (1985) ★★★★ **8.40 The Big Bang Theory 9.35 The Simpsons 11.05 Imagine That**
1.10 FILM The Rocketeer (1991) Action, with Billy Campbell. ★★★
3.20 FILM Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989) Fantasy comedy, starring Rick Moranis. ★★★
5.20 Channel 4 News
5.35 Hollyoaks Ellie celebrates the New Year.
6.35 Celebrity Couples Come Dine with Me With Jaymi Hensley, Gail Porter and Ricky Groves.
7.30 TFI New Year's Eve Guests include Quentin Tarantino, Kurt Russell, Will Poulter, Sia, New Order, Olly Murs, The Vaccines, Izzy Bizu and The One Show's Alex Jones.
9.00 Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular Guests, include David Guetta, Danny Dyer, Mel B, Kelly Brook, Greg Davies, Nish Kumar and Katherine Ryan. Plus, Ellie Goulding and The Vamps perform.
11.10 8 Out of 10 Cats End of Year Special Jimmy Carr and captains Jon Richardson and Sean Lock are joined by Isy Suttie, Richard Osman, Romesh Ranganathan and Joey Essex.
12.10 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2015 2.10 Catastrophe 3.35 Gadget Man 4.00 Location, Location, Location 4.50 Deal or No Deal 5.40 FILM Mysterious Island (1961) ★★★

Channel 5

6am Milkshake! 9.00 World's Strongest Man 9.50 FILM Carry On Teacher (1959) ★★ **11.30 Sinatra 100: An All-Star Grammy Concert**
1.50 FILM One Chance (2013) Comedy, starring James Corden and Alexandra Roach. ★★★★
3.55 FILM The Wizard of Oz (1939) Adventure, starring Judy Garland and Frank Morgan. ★★★★★
6.00 Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild The wildlife documentary concludes.
6.50 World's Strongest Man It is heat five of the final and reigning Britain's Strongest Man Eddie Hall, who has broken the Deadlift world record this year, faces American Mike Burke.
7.55 5 News Update
8.00 Ben Fogle in Winter Wonderland The host travels to Alaska to stay with Bretwood Higman, Erin McCittrick and their two children, who live in a Mongolian-style yurt on the mountainside.
9.00 Britain's Best Loved Double Act Countdown show celebrating the best of Britain's double acts.
11.55 Most Shocking Christmas TV Moments Featuring some of the most inappropriate Christmas turkeys of all time.
1.55 SuperCasino 3.10 Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild 4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge 4.25 Divine Designs 4.50 House Doctor

ITV2

6am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Bonkingly Big Hits 6.50 The X Factor Winner's Story 2015 7.40 Emmerdale 8.05 Coronation Street 8.30 Britain's Got More Talent: David's Top Ten Moments 9.25 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 10.25 FILM Arthur and the Great Adventure (2009) ★★★
12.30 Emmerdale
1.00 Coronation Street Emily is off to Peru.
1.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show More dilemmas.
4.45 Catchphrase: Celebrity Special
5.45 Luke Kempner's Impression of 2015
6.45 FILM ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) Heartwarming sci-fi fantasy, starring Dee Wallace and Peter Coyote. ★★★★
9.00 FILM Quantum of Solace (2008) After an assassination attempt on the life of James Bond's commander at MI6, 007 heads to Bolivia to track down the villain. Action, starring Daniel Craig. ★★★★
11.15 Celebrity Juice: Bestest of the Unseenest Bits Compilation show.
12.15 Celebrity Juice 2.30 Release the Hounds 3.20 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 4.10 Educating Joey Essex: General Election, What Are You Sayin'? 5.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

BBC3

7pm FILM How to Train Your Dragon (2010) Young Hiccup is the son of a Viking warrior who, along with the rest of the villagers, view dragons as their greatest enemy. But when Hiccup befriends an injured 'night fury', he sees a new side to the creatures, knowledge that comes in handy when training as a dragon slayer. Animated action, with the voices of Jay Baruchel and Gerard Butler. ★★★★★
8.30 FILM Toy Story 2 (1999) Woody the cowboy is snatched by a toy collector and is torn between his friends and 'family'. Animated sequel, with the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen and Joan Cusack. ★★★★
10.00 Russell Howard's Good News Russell offers his unique and quirky take on global headlines.
10.30 Russell Howard's Good News More bizarre news stories.
11.00 Family Guy Stewie's new best friend falls ill, so Lois takes him to the hospital where she finds out he has a critical, but treatable, disease.
11.25 Family Guy Chris dates a girl who looks disturbingly like a member of the Griffin household.
11.45 Family Guy Peter regrets making a half-hearted promise to a dolphin he saved.
12.10 Family Guy 2.15 Russell Howard's Good News 3.15 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth 3.30 Asian Provocateur 4.00 This Is BBC Three

Film4

11am Swiss Family Robinson (1960) Adventure, starring John Mills and Dorothy McGuire. ★★★★
1.35 FILM Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) Adventure, starring Macaulay Culkin and Joe Pesci. ★★★★
4.05 FILM School of Rock (2003) A slacker rock musician, who dreams of the big time, bluffs his way into a job as a supply teacher at an expensive private school, where he discovers his class actually have some musical ability. Comedy, starring Jack Black. ★★★★
6.15 FILM Battleship (2012) An international fleet of ships taking part in a US/Japanese naval exercise stumble across an alien armada, and an intense battle begins on sea, land and air. Action, starring Alexander Skarsgard. ★★★
9.00 FILM Pitch Perfect (2012) A sullen freshman is reluctant to get involved in university life until she joins an all-girl a cappella group and tries to help the team to win a trophy in a national competition. Comedy, starring Anna Kendrick. ★★★★
11.10 FILM Silver Linings Playbook (2012) A former teacher moves back with his parents after time in a mental institution and tries to get back with his ex wife. Comedy, starring Bradley Cooper. ★★★★
1.30 FILM 20,000 Days on Earth (2014) Drama, starring Nick Cave. ★★★★

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New Year's Day

BBC One

6am Breakfast 9.00 FILM Turbo (2013) ★★★★ **10.25 FILM Monsters vs Aliens** (2009) ★★★★ **11.55 Top of the Pops New Year**

12.55 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message

1.00 News; Weather

1.10 Regional News

1.15 FILM The Sound of Music (1965) Drama, starring Julie Andrews. ★★★★

4.05 The Farmer's Llamas

4.30 FILM Wreck-It Ralph (2012) Animation, with John C Reilly. ★★★★

6.05 BBC News

6.20 Regional News

6.30 EastEnders Mick and Linda joyfully face their wedding day.

7.00 Billionaire Boy A man makes £1billion from inventing a new toilet roll.

8.00 EastEnders Alfie makes a decision about the future.

8.30 Dickensian Compeyson resorts to drastic measures and Martha's wedding plans are thrown into turmoil.

9.00 Sherlock In 1895, a man asks Holmes and Watson to find out why his 'dead' wife is wandering the streets of London.

10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes faces the prospect of a date.

11.10 News; Weather

11.25 Regional News

11.35 Adele at the BBC Graham Norton hosts a special show.

12.50 Weather for the Week 12.55 News

BBC Two

6.35am FILM Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas (2003) ★★★★

7.50 Honey Badgers: Masters of Mayhem - Natural World

8.50 FILM Viva Las Vegas (1963) ★★★

10.15 Darcey's Ballet Heroes 11.15 New Year's Day Concert Live from Vienna

12.45 FILM Little Women (1994) Drama, starring Susan Sarandon. ★★★★

2.40 FILM The Eagle Has Landed (1976) Adventure, starring Michael Caine. ★★★★

4.50 Gorilla Family & Me Gordon Buchanan meets Grauer's gorillas.

5.50 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message

5.55 FILM The Terminal (2004) Comedy drama, starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones. ★★★★

8.00 LAST Christmas University Challenge Jeremy Paxman hosts the grand final of the quiz.

8.30 The Many Faces of Ronnie Corbett Documentary examining the career of the comedian.

9.30 The One Ronnie Ronnie Corbett presents comedy sketches.

10.20 FILM Catch Me If You Can (2002) Drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. ★★★★

12.30 FILM Shadow of a Doubt (1943) ★★★★★ **2.15 Top Gear: From A-Z 3.15 Hugh's War on Waste 4.15 Secrets of the Mona Lisa 5.15 This Is BBC Two**

ITV

6am CITV 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal 10.30 Judge Rinder 11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?

12.25 Celebrity Squares

1.10 ITV News

1.25 FILM Dr No (1962) Action, starring Sean Connery. ★★★★

3.35 Midsomer Murders Drama.

5.35 Wild River with Ray Mears The survival expert travels along the river Wye.

6.40 ITV News

7.00 Emmerdale Debbie drops a bombshell.

7.30 Coronation Street Carla insists on going to work and Rita gives advice to Norris.

8.00 LAST Gino's Italian Escape – Islands in the Sun The chef prepares cannoli in Taormina.

8.30 Coronation Street Robert and Carla have a romantic moment, while Emily leaves for her trip to Peru.

9.00 The Big Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale Stephen Mulhern hosts as legends from the soaps are quizzed.

10.00 ITV News

10.15 The Jonathan Ross Show Christmas Special The presenter introduces a festive edition and is joined by a selection of famous faces for chat.

11.20 FILM American Pie: The Wedding (2003) Comedy. ★★★

1.00 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

7.30am The Big Bang Theory 8.20 FILM Planet 51 (2009) ★★★ **10.10 The Simpsons 11.15 FILM Inspector Gadget** (1999) ★★★

12.55 Channel 4 Racing Action from Cheltenham at 1.20, 1.55, 2.30 and 3.05.

3.35 FILM The Golden Compass (2007) Adventure, with Nicole Kidman. ★★★

5.50 Channel 4 News

6.00 FILM Tangled (2010) A young girl with magical hair, who has spent her life in an isolated tower, is given a chance at freedom thanks to a runaway thief. Animation, with Mandy Moore. ★★★★

8.00 NEW Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast Chefs Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty create stunning dishes at their cafe on Southend pier, and are joined by actor Orlando Bloom, who cooks up a Moroccan tagine.

9.00 FILM A Good Day to Die Hard (2013) New York City cop John McClane heads to Moscow to track down his estranged son, Jack, thinking he is involved in criminal activities. Action, starring Bruce Willis. ★★★

11.00 Rude Tube: Welcome to 2016 Alex Zane presents video clips.

1.10 FILM Damien: Omen II 3.00 Friday Night Dinner 3.25 You Deserve This House 4.20 Location, Location, Location 5.15 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites 5.20 Deal or No Deal

Channel 5

6am Milkshake! 9.35 Thomas and Friends: Sodor's Legend of the Lost Treasure

10.50 FILM Carry on Cabby (1963) ★★★

12.35 FILM Harry and the Hendersons (1987) Comedy, starring John Lithgow and Melinda Dillon. ★★★

2.45 FILM Dracula: Dead and Loving It (1995) Horror spoof starring Leslie Nielsen and Peter MacNicol. ★★★

4.30 FILM Greystoke: the Legend of Tarzan (1984) Adventure, based on Edgar Rice Burroughs's tale starring Christopher Lambert and Andie MacDowell. ★★★

7.00 LAST World's Strongest Man The finalists take on six events in Malaysia, three of which have been created for the Grand Final.

7.55 5 News Update

8.00 Christmas with the Double Acts Celebration of the most loved comedy double acts, including Morecambe and Wise, Wallace and Gromit, and French and Saunders.

9.00 An Audience with Ken Dodd The squire of Knotty Ash celebrates 40 years working as an entertainer in show business.

10.55 Britain's Favourite Stand-Up Comedian Rundown of the nation's all-time favourite comedians, including Tommy Cooper and Victoria Wood.

1.55 SuperCasino 3.10 Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild 4.45 House Doctor

ITV2

6am Fleur East: The Hot Desk 6.10 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.35 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 7.20 Emmerdale 8.25 Coronation Street 8.55 Mr Bean 9.30 FILM Space Jam (1996) ★★★ **11.15 FILM Richie Rich** (1994) Comedy. ★★★

1.10 Emmerdale

2.15 Coronation Street

2.45 FILM Happy Feet (2006) Animation, with Elijah Wood and Brittany Murphy. ★★★

4.55 The Nation's Favourite Disney Song Celebration of the most popular tracks.

5.50 Minion Madness Shorts Three mini-movies from the creators of Despicable Me.

6.05 FILM Despicable Me (2010) Down-on-his-luck criminal mastermind Gru plans to use three orphan girls in his plot to obtain a shrink ray and steal the Moon. Animation, with Steve Carell. ★★★★

8.00 FILM Skyfall (2012) James Bond returns to hunt a mysterious enemy that threatens to bring down MI6. Action, starring Daniel Craig. ★★★★

10.55 Celebrity Juice With Keith Lemon.

11.55 Release the Hounds: Famous & Freaked

12.55 Luke Kempner's Impression of 2015 1.55 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.20 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

BBC3

7pm Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D Robert Webb is back with more silver screen slip-ups.

7.15 Top Gear: Bolivia Special James, Jeremy and Richard use second-hand off-road vehicles, bought for less than £3,500, to travel 1,000 miles from the rainforests of Bolivia to the Pacific coast of Chile.

8.30 FILM Shrek 2 (2004) Princess Fiona's parents invite their daughter and her new husband Shrek to her homeland of Far Far Away in order to celebrate their marriage. However, there's more than meets the eye in this fairytale kingdom and Shrek and Fiona are about to stumble into some rather awkward social situations. Animation, starring Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy. ★★★★

10.00 EastEnders Mick and Linda joyfully face the day they have been waiting for since they were teenagers.

10.30 EastEnders Dean sets out to gain his revenge, while Alfie makes a decision about the future.

11.00 American Dad! Steve is determined to drive across country to ensure that Snot attends his father's funeral.

11.25 American Dad! Hayley is refused entry at a nightclub, so calls on her resourceful brother Steve to forge her a fake ID.

11.45 Family Guy Peter convinces Brian to move in with Jillian.

12.10 Family Guy Three episodes. **1.10 Fried 4.00 This Is BBC Three**

Film4

11am FILM It's a Wonderful Life (1947) Drama, starring James Stewart. ★★★★★

1.40 FILM Arthur Christmas (2011) Santa's technology malfunctions and a little girl looks set to miss out on her festive gift, prompting the big man's inept son to try to save the day. Animation, with James McAvoy. ★★★★

3.40 FILM We Bought a Zoo (2011) Following the death of his wife, a journalist decides to relocate to the Californian countryside with his troubled son and daughter. However, their new home comes with a zoo attached. Comedy, starring Matt Damon. ★★★★

6.15 FILM Independence Day (1996) Alien spacecraft strategically position themselves around the globe before launching a devastating attack on Earth. The survivors band together and attempt to fight back before they are wiped out. Action, starring Will Smith. ★★★★

9.00 FILM Les Miserables (2012) A prisoner breaks parole and is pursued relentlessly by a policeman. As years go by, the man settles into a normal life, but his past comes back to haunt him. Musical drama, starring Hugh Jackman. ★★★★

12.05 FILM Vehicle 19 (2013) Action, with Paul Walker and Naima McLean. ★★★

1.45 FILM Safety Not Guaranteed (2012) Comedy, starring Aubrey Plaza. ★★★★

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2. Within ten years, when did the first Christmas card appear?
3. Which bird originally symbolised Christmas?
4. Which plant was said to accompany the one that "bears the crown"?
5. Which is the only church to allow mistletoe in at Christmas?
6. What was the original name for crackers?
7. Where had the Holy Family come from before they took shelter in the stable?
8. Christmas Island is so-called because of the wintry weather experienced there - true or false?
9. Which Gospel gives the fullest account of Christ's birth?
10. In which country did the pantomime originate?
11. What was abolished by Act of Parliament in 1647?
12. Who was Jacob Marley?
13. Which carol was written because of the activity of church mice?
14. What is celebrated on December 6th?
15. Who did Mary visit in Juda before the birth of Christ?
16. How long did the Lord of Misrule reign?
17. What feast marks the end of the Ecclesiastical Christmas season?
18. Who is said to have been born on December 31st?
19. What came first in crackers - the motto or the bang?
20. Who invented crackers?
21. Where does the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree come from?
22. What country are the Magi said to have come from?
23. Which good Bohemian king was murdered by his brother?
24. In which tree might you find a partridge?
25. Who announced the advent of Christ's cousin John?
26. Who told Herod of the birth of Christ?
27. When is St Stephen's Day celebrated?
28. Who is said to have planted the first Glastonbury Thorn?
29. When is St Thomas's Day celebrated?
30. Where will you find Black Tom of Soothill?
31. Where is the Devil's Knell tolled?
32. Who was born at Woolsthorpe on Christmas Day, 1642?
33. What does the Mayor of Glastonbury send to the Queen for Christmas Day?
34. Who composed the tune for 'In The Bleak Midwinter'?
35. What's a Wait?
36. What event was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918?
37. When is Plough Sunday?
38. What have the 1st and 6th of January, the 29th of March and the 29th September have in common?
39. What was a Hackin?
40. When is St. Distaff's Day?
41. What notable event took place in London on December 26th 1717?
42. Which king died on Candlemas Day, 1702?
43. Who is said to have made the first church Christmas crib?
44. What was a 'Bang of Expectation'?
45. Who died violently in Canterbury during the Christmas season in 1170?
46. Where may you find the Church of the Nativity?
47. Where does the tradition of the Christmas Tree come from?
48. Who is said to have introduced the custom there?
49. Who is said to have brought it here?
50. Who first devised the red and white outfit Father Christmas wears today?

Answers

1. Rudolph the reindeer. **2.** 1842. **3.** The wren. **4.** The ivy. **5.** York Minster. **6.** Bon Bons. **7.** Nazareth. **8.** False. **9.** St. Luke's. **10.** Roman Italy. **11.** Christmas. **12.** Ebenezer Scrooge's partner. **13.** Silent Night. **14.** St. Nicholas's Day. **15.** Her cousin Elizabeth. **16.** For the twelve days of Christmas. **17.** Candlemas. **18.** Judas Iscariot. **19.** The motto. **20.** Tom Smith. **21.** Norway. **22.** Persia (Iran). **23.** King Wenceslas. **24.** A pear tree. **25.** The Angel Gabriel. **26.** The Wise Men from the East. **27.** December 26th (Boxing Day). **28.** Joseph of Arimathaea. **29.** December 21st. **30.** It's a bell in the church tower in Dewsbury, Yorkshire. **31.** Dewsbury in Yorkshire. **32.** Sir Isaac Newton. **33.** Sprigs from the Glastonbury Thorn. **34.** Gustav Holst. **35.** An old name for a carol singer. **36.** The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols held at King's College, Cambridge. **37.** The Sunday nearest to January 5th. **38.** They are all dates on which Christmas Day was celebrated before December 25th was finally decided upon. **39.** A large sausage of mixed minced meats and spices made to be eaten on Christmas Day morning **40.** January 7th. **41.** The first pantomime was produced by a Mr. Rich, Licensee of the theatre in Lincoln's Inn Fields. **42.** King William III. **43.** St Francis of Assisi. **44.** Another name for an early cracker. **45.** St Thomas à Becket. **46.** In Bethlehem. **47.** Germany. **48.** St. Boniface, an English monk. **49.** Prince Albert, Consort of Queen Victoria. **50.** The Coca Cola Company in the course of an advertising campaign.

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Panto star makes

In the news: Widow Twankey, *above*, with staff at the newspaper and, *below*, on stage in Aladdin

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headline news

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WIDOW Twankey put reporters through their paces at their news conference on Thursday during a visit to MK NEWS.

The popular washer woman, played by Milton Keynes' very own Gary Wilmot in Aladdin at Milton Keynes Theatre, wanted to make sure there were lots of stories about her laundrette, top washing tips and passion for fashion.

She also liked the reporters' idea of a find the lamp appeal, but was not sure we could find any good characteristics about Wishey Washey, her son and Aladdin's brother, to be able to find him a girlfriend through a love column.

There is still chance to see the panto, which also stars Priscilla Presley, Wayne Sleep, Kev Orkian and Ben Adams, until January 10.

So that you don't miss out on all the fun, MK NEWS has joined forces with the theatre to offer four family tickets to readers.

The tickets are for two adults and two children for the performance on Thursday, January 7, at 7pm.

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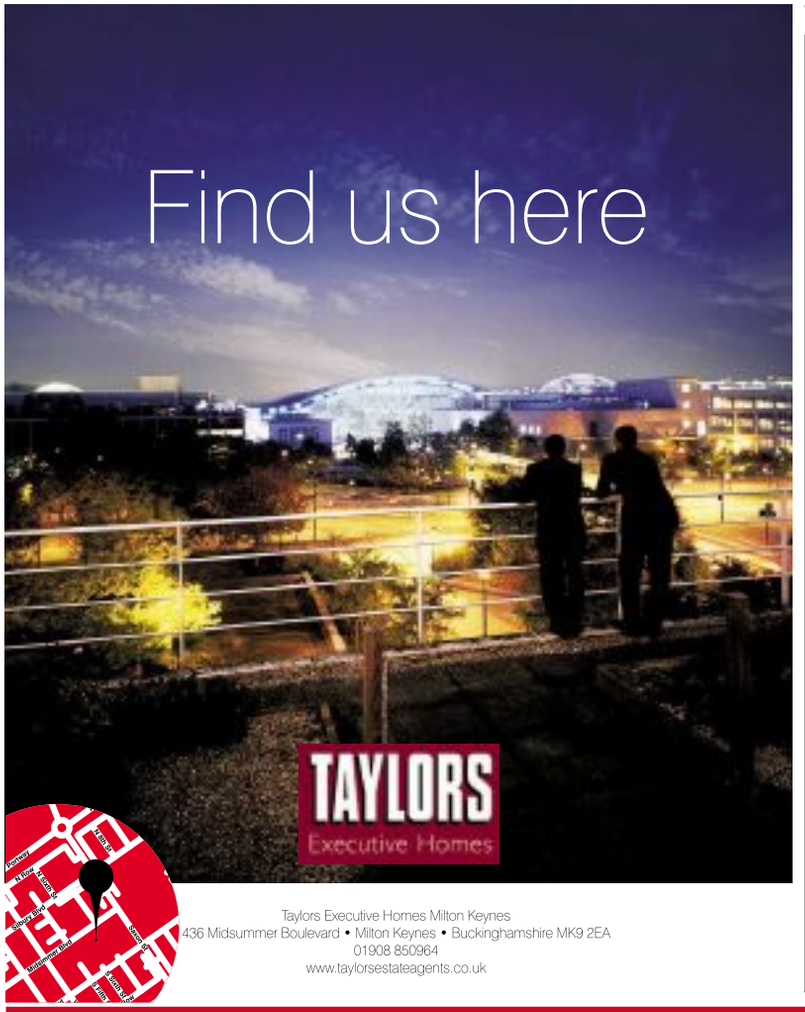

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Sleeping rough: Volunteers find out what it is like to spend a night on the streets

Sign up to Sleep Easy

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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MILTON Keynes YMCA is calling on local people to join in sleeping rough for a night, as homelessness figures more than triple in just two years.

The YMCA is hoping to raise money for local young homeless people through its inaugural Sleep Easy event on Friday, March 11, 2016, from 7pm until 7am the next day.

MK YMCA helps roughly 500 young, homeless people in the area and wants to raise awareness about what it is like to be on the streets.

According to MK Community Foundation's Vital Signs report, 1,250 people were recorded as homeless in MK in 2014, compared to 350 in 2013.

Shahnaz Hussain, MK YMCA's fundraising manager, said: "These are the official figures, but in reality the figures are probably higher as they don't take into account those who are constantly sofa surfing.

"Our Sleep Easy is a great way of getting members of our community to raise money for young homeless people, while experiencing a fraction of what many of the young people we work with have been through."

Woburn resident Trish Turner recently did a sleep out to raise money for the MK YMCA. She said: "I couldn't sleep as it was too cold and I was desperate for the loo but there was nowhere to go. It was by far one of the hardest things I've done, not only because it was so cold but because it's so sad to know that these people endure this on a daily basis.

"As a society we are so shut off from the world, we walk past people who need our help without giving it a second thought. These are people – sons and daughters, mothers and fathers. We need to help those in need not leave them."

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How do (and what) do you do?

ON ANY show, the buck has to stop somewhere. When it comes to Aladdin, ultimate responsibility lies with the company manager, Janine Bardsley. But what is the most important part of her job? "Organisation," says Janine. "I start working before the actual job begins, phoning around giving information to everybody who is involved. And then, once rehearsals start, the most important part of my job is looking after the general welfare of the company."
Barry Robinson, musical director of Aladdin, says that his prime mission throughout the run of the show is 'making sure that people don't mess up'. While wardrobe mistress, Sarah Stoddard, has no illusions about the glamour of showbiz. The most important part of her job, she confides, 'is washing and pairing up socks!'

The Princess Diaries (cont)

OMG!! Wot is it wiv these spots?
Woke up, yeah, then … went back to sleep 'cos it was only, like, 11 in the a.m.
Got up and went into the bathroom and arrrrgh!!!! I have got the BIGGEST, like, zit right in the middle of my forehead?!
I am one big pimple with a tiny Princess Jasmine attached.
I am NEVER going out again unless I'm wearing a hoodie that covers my whole face.
I can still put the crown on top, duh.
I got my bestie handmaiden to go and tell Aladdin that I think he is looking peng!
He is so swole! Can't go and tell him myself at the moment because of this mega-blob-spot thing on my head.
Only prob is, she might have been chirpsing wiv him herself!
Note to self: Find out if a princess can still send people to the tower to have their head cut off, yeah??

Slick action backstage sees seamless changes

BY SCOTT KIRK
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ALADDIN is one of Disney's most iconic films so to bring it to life on stage there are loads of people who do their utmost to make sure it is the best it possibly can be.

I was lucky enough to take a look backstage at what everybody has to do and the choreography is arguably better than that of the dancers on stage (no offence dancers!).

Everybody knew their marks for which backdrop was needed when and the organisation of getting things like props in the correct places is seamless.

Deputy technical manager Dan Cauldwell is the man who is giving me the backstage tour as the performance is going on and he says there is a lot of preparation to make sure that nothing is left to chance when the performances take place.

"It's like a big game of chess," he says.

"Everything has to move in the right order and the first scene change is usually quite busy."

There are even changing rooms just off stage for quick changes and you won't be surprised that Gary Wilmot (Widow Twankey) has his own changing room, given the outrageous and massive costumes that he wears.

Hayley Kent, wardrobe assistant, says costumes involving Widow Twankey are the most complicated.

"They're so heavy with all the padding for his boobs and bum," she said.

Ben Adams (Aladdin) has the task of having a complete change of clothes within about 30 seconds, which is an incredible feat that involves three people.

The banter among the cast is brilliant off stage as well, as Wayne Sleep attests to when I grab a very quick conversation with him.

"You learn from all the other actors a lot about how they approach a role and every one of them is totally different but we get on so well," he said.

You would be amazed at how much of the audience reaction you can hear to the side of the stage, so I would encourage all of you who go to see Aladdin to cheer as loud as you can because the people behind the scenes deserve a round of applause just as much as the actors and dancers on stage.

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Early Christmas treat for young patients

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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PATIENTS and staff on the children's ward at Milton Keynes University Hospital were treated to some early Christmas cheer when the local Amazon fulfilment centre team stopped by with a sack full of presents.

Amazon, in Marston Gate, donated £5,000 worth of DVDs, toys, games and specialist equipment to the hospital following a nomination from the fulfilment centre's charity committee.

The special delivery was made by the team during a tour of the ward, where they met some of the local children being cared for by the hospital.

Heading up the team of Christmas Amazon elves was Ashley Cowen, general manager at the Marston Gate site.

He said: "We recently asked the team at Amazon in Milton Keynes to nominate a local good cause for some special support this Christmas and the Milton Keynes children's ward was an overwhelming favourite.

Christmas cheer: Amazon donates thousands of pounds worth of gifts to the children's ward at Milton Keynes University Hospital

"It has been great to visit the hospital, see the tremendous work being done by the staff and to meet some of the children who are being cared for here.

"I hope that the patients and staff enjoy their new toys, DVDs and games and on behalf of the team at Amazon in Milton Keynes, I'd like to wish everyone at the hospital a very Merry Christmas."

Jenny Howells, speaking on behalf of Milton Keynes University Hospital corporate fundraiser, said: "It's fantastic to receive such great support from Amazon. We've really enjoyed welcoming Ashley and his team to Milton Keynes University Hospital children's ward and I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone at Amazon for their generosity."

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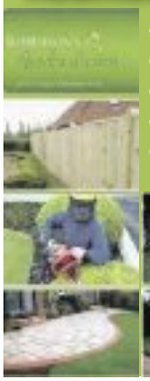
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Any person or responsible authority may make representations either against or in support of the application in writing by the following date: 01st January 2016

To the following address:

LICENSING TEAM
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SECTION 73	WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
15/02645/TPO	Tree preservation order to crown raise to 3 metres to allow mowing and more light to the garden of Wellingtonia (T4) and crown raise all round by 3 metres and remove lowest 3 limbs to allow more light into the garden, ease grass cutting and regeneration to Walnut (T6) at Anscot House, London Road, Broughton.
15/02787/FUL	Demolition of rear brick wall to provide parking space and erection of new fence and gate at 82 Cambridge Street, Wolverton.
15/02971/TCA	Notification of intention to fell and ground out the stumps of 3 x Apple trees (T1, T2 and T3) at 3 Lodge Farm Court, Castlethorpe.
15/02989/TCA	Notification of intention to remove dead and broken branches, remove epicormic growth from centre of crown and structural prune to reduce risk of branch failure to 1 x Lime tree (T1); pollard to remove all sprouts from cut ends of branches to maintain size and appearance, leave all epicormic growth but trim tops down to 7ft to 4 x Lime trees (T2, T3, T4 and T5) at 15 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford.
15/03032/FUL	New vehicular access from High Street at 35 High Street, Lavendon.
15/03057/TCA	Notification of intention to repollard 6 x Limes and 2 x Sycamores (G1). To remove to ground level and grind out stumps to allow more light into the garden and the grass to regrow at base to 3 x Limes (T1, T2 and T3). To reduce height to the base of two 'split leaders' to reduce hazard potential due to softwood, height and close proximity to the house. To prune branches back from the road and neighbour's garden by 2 metres to Cedar (T5). To reduce height by 30% to ease trimming and allow more light into garden to Yew Tree (T7). To reduce crown by 2m to allow more light into garden and improve overall form to Copper Beech (T8). Remove to ground level and grind out stump to allow shrubs behind to grow, and open up the rear of the garden as provides no amenity value to Cypress (T9). To prune away from guttering and roof tiles to prevent damage and improve overall aesthetic to Wisteria (T10) at Anscot House, London Road, Broughton.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

15/02933/FUL	Construction of phase six highway infrastructure at Cook's Place and Lautier Park comprising of ancillary junctions, ancillary footways, two public squares, ancillary landscaping and car parking at Land At Brooklands, Newport Road, Broughton.
15/02946/OUT	Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the conversion of a brown field site to residential housing at The Rick Yard And Accessway, Land At Hazelmead Farm, High Street To A509, Sherington.
15/02992/FUL	Construction of the revised fifth phase of advanced highway infrastructure for Fen Street including the public realm for Brooklands Square, which comprises of an amended (257m length) of the Fen Street including access roads, footways, redways, two new bus stops, ancillary junctions, associated parking and landscaping, a new public square and pedestrianised link to Cook's Place at Land At Brooklands, Newport Road, Broughton.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

An appeal has been lodged by R & S Shires (Farmers) Ltd against the refusal of planning application 14/02002/OUT erection of 36 residential units at Land at High Street Sherington.

It has been decided that this appeal will be dealt with on the basis of a hearing, which you may attend, and at the inspector's discretion, give your views. The hearing will be held at **Milton Keynes Council, Council Chamber, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ commencing at 10.00am on Thursday 7th January 2016.**

For further details please contact Planning Enquiries, Development Control, Milton Keynes Council, Tel: 01908 252358.

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SERVICE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Public Notices

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of roads in Central Milton Keynes to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway when necessary:-

The following lengths of road will be included in the temporary closure Order and will only be closed when maintenance and repair works are necessary. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed:-

Grafton Park, Lower Second Street, Lower Third Street, Lower Fourth Street, Lower Eighth Street, Lower Ninth Street, Lower Tenth Street, Lower Twelfth Street, North Second Street, North Third Street, North Fourth Street, North Fifth Street, North Sixth Street, North Seventh Street, North Eighth Street, North Ninth Street, North Tenth Street, North Eleventh Street, North Twelfth Street, North Thirteenth Street, North Fourteenth Street, South Fifth Street, South Sixth Street, South Seventh Street, South Eighth Street, South Ninth Street, South Tenth Street, Upper Second Street, Upper Fourth Street, Upper Fifth Street, Upper Seventh Street, North Row, South Row, and the vehicular accessways along parts of Avebury Boulevard, Midsummer Boulevard Silbury Boulevard, Grafton Gate, Marlborough Gate, Saxon Gate, Secklow Gate, and Witan Gate, Central Milton Keynes.

The Order will come into effect on 4th January 2016 and will remain in effect for a period of 18 months.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closures will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Please visit the Councils bus travel web page for all updates on disruptions to local bus services:
http:/www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/bus-travel/bus-service-disruptions-and-diversions

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD FOR CHURCH STREET BETWEEN CAMBRIDGE STREET AND RADCLIFFE STREET, WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 15th December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the entire length of the rear access road for Church Street between Cambridge Street and Radcliffe Street in order to repair a burst water main to the rear of 54 Church Street. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 18th December 2015.

Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Cambridge Street, Church Street and Radcliffe Street.

Some controlled access will be maintained along the rear access road for Church Street.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 18th December 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(McCONNELL DRIVE (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY 40MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 15th December 2015 made an order under Section 14(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic from proceeding at a speed in excess of 40mph along that part of McConnell Drive, Wolverton from a point 40 metres north-west of its junction with Millers Way, continuing in a generally north-westerly direction to a point 93 metres south-east of the centreline of its junction with Church Street, Wolverton. The temporary 40mph speed restriction shall come into operation on 17th December 2015 and shall continue in force for a period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever shall be the earlier.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the made Order, other than for emergency services vehicles, and military vehicles whilst being driven on operational duties.

The temporary speed restriction will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Any person committing a breach of the proposed order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The temporary 40mph speed limit can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in Central Bletchley:-

- **Brunel Roundabout, Bletchley** its entire circumference;
- **Duncumbe Street, Bletchley** from its junction with Brunel Roundabout to its junction with Water Eaton Road;
- **Locke Road, Bletchley** its entire length (except for access);
- **Queensway, Bletchley** form its junction with Brunel Roundabout to its junction with Water Eaton Road and Sherwood Drive;
- **Saxon Street, Bletchley** from its junction with Brunel Roundabout to its junction with Princes Way Roundabout.
- **Water Eaton Road, Bletchley** form its junction with Buckingham Road and Sherwood Drive to its junction with Duncombe Street;

The above lengths of road will only be closed if absolutely necessary and diversion routes will be provided and access to properties will be provided.

Any closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Any closure will only be in force when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed along the affected length of road.

All affected properties will be notified of any forthcoming closure at least one week prior to closure coming into effect.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 4th January 2016 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Chesney Wold
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(VARIOUS ROADS, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to impose temporary 40mph and 50mph speed restrictions and temporarily prohibit vehicular access along parts of the said roads within Milton Keynes whilst construction works are being carried out to the A421 (Parts). It is anticipated that the temporary speed limits and road closures will be in force from 4th January 2016 to 11th March 2015. However the speed limits and closures will take effect on specific roads at specific times during these dates, only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance. The affected lengths of roads are as follows:-

1. **No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to enter, proceed along the following length of road:-**
   - A421 **from its junction with the Fen Farm Roundabout to the boundary line that is shared with Bedfordshire**
     Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via A5130 Newport Road, A4012 and A507.
2. **No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 40 mph along the following lengths of road:-**
   - A421 H8 Standing Way **180 metres east of its junction with the Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Fen Farm Roundabout.**
   - A421 **from its junction with Fen Farm Roundabout to its junction with Eagle Farm Roundabout.**
   - H9 Groveway **from 180 metres south of Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Walnut Tree Roundabout.**
   - H8 Standing Way **(eastbound carriageway) from 180 metres west of Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Lasborough Road, Kingston.**
   - H8 Standing Way **(westbound carriageway) from 180 metres west of Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Bransworth Avenue, Brinklow.**
   - Lasborough Road (southbound) **from its junction with H8 Standing Way for 8 metres in a northerly direction.**
   - Ortensia Drive, Wavendon Gate **from its junction with H9 Groveway for 23 metres in south easterly direction.**
   - Bransworth Avenue **from its junction with H9 Groveway for 20 metres in a north easterly direction.**
3. **No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 50 mph along the following lengths of road:-**
   - A421 H8 Standing Way **from its junction with Brinklow Roundabout to its junction with Lasborough Road.**
   - Winchester Avenue (southbound) **from its junction with H8 Standing Way for 10 metres in a northerly direction.**

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates and at the times shown as and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Diversion routes will be displayed where appropriate. There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services and military vehicles, and for vehicles being used in connection with the construction works.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 4th January 2016 and will continue in force until the construction works are complete.

Any person committing a breach of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(VARIOUS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN NEATH HILL AND NEWPORT PAGNELL) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 15th December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

ROAD CLOSURES:-

- **Armourer Drive, Neath Hill** – Between V9 Overgate, H4 Dansteed Way;
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Armour Drive, Tower Drive, V9 Overgate, H4 Dansteed Way and Armour Drive (and vice versa).
- **Spring Gardens and Lovat Street, Newport Pagnell** – Between Caldecote Street and Silver Street;
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Caldecote Street and Silver Street (and vice versa).

FOOTPATH CLOSURE:-

- **The footpath at the northern end of Carvers Mews, Neath Hill** – Between Caldecote Street and Bury Avenue.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via the footpath that links Carvers Mews and Taylors Mews, Taylors Mews, Glazier Drive and Carvers Mews (and vice versa).

The above closures will be implemented on 23rd December 2015 for a maximum period of 4 hours or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 23rd December 2015 and will expire on 23rd March 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the made Order **except** for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(THE REDWAY THAT LINKS STRATFORD ROAD AND AYLESBURY STREET WEST, WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along the entire length of the redway that links Stratford Road and Aylesbury Street West, whilst improvement works are being carried out to the said redway.

It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 4th January 2016 and shall continue in effect for a period of 4 weeks or until the works have been completed, whichever shall be the earlier.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The closure will take effect at times during the above period **only** when works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

Whilst the redway is closed the diversion route for pedestrians will be via Stratford Road, Anson Road and Aylesbury Street West (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of footpath.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

16th December 2015

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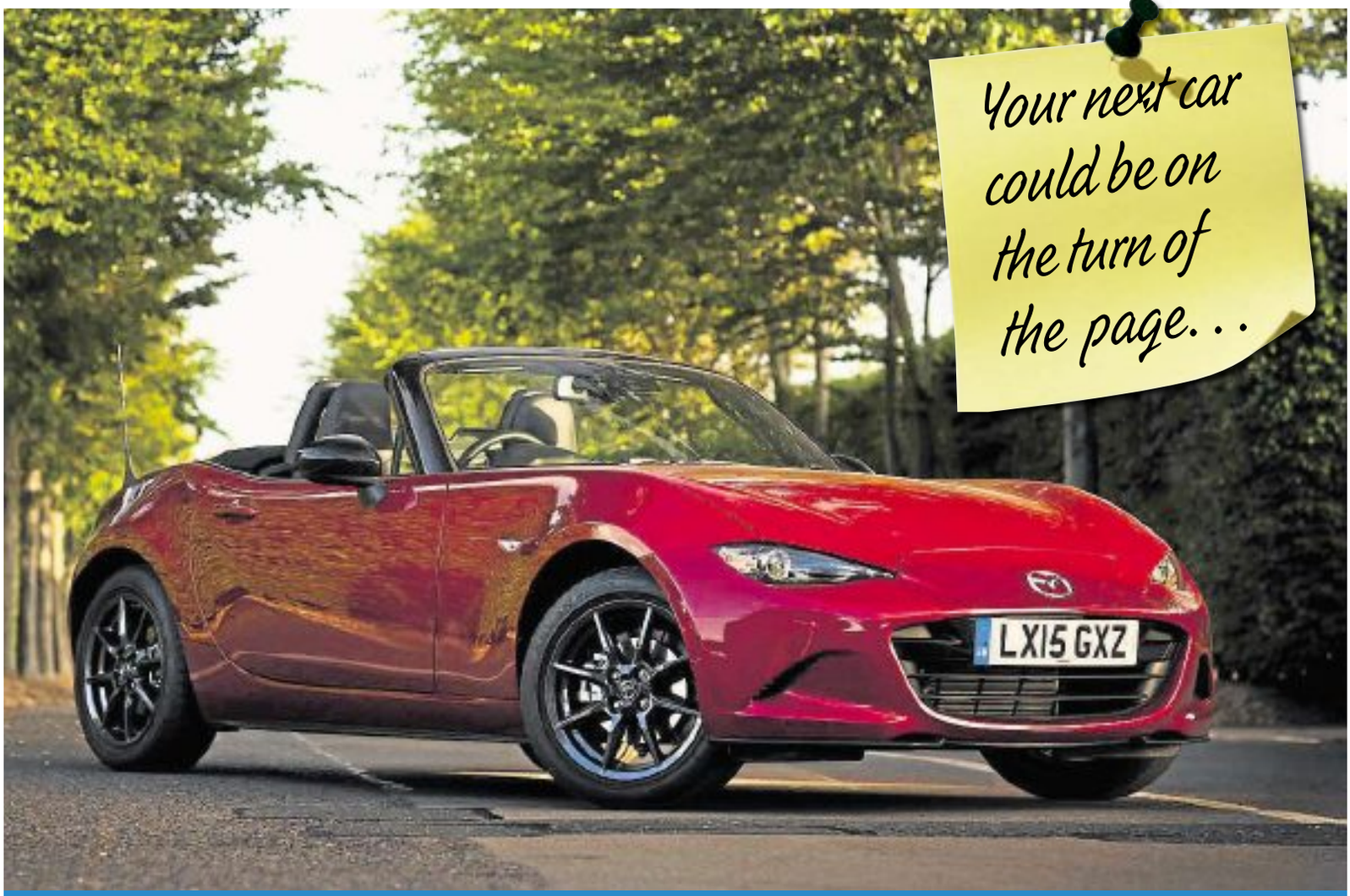

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New Vitara S Added To Range

Just eight months after the successful UK launch of the new Vitara, Suzuki is introducing the S model in January 2016 which provides a more sporting and dynamic character to the Vitara line up. Vitara has already proved to be a very popular model in the range with over 5,000 units sold to date.

The new S has a unique specification that provides a visual difference to other models in the Vitara range. Standard equipment for all Vitara models in the range is comprehensive and includes seven airbags, alloy wheels, DAB Radio with USB and Bluetooth connectivity, cruise control with speed limiter auto air conditioning and front and rear electric windows.

The S model is equipped with 17-inch Gloss black alloy wheels, unique grille design, satin silver door mirrors, LED Headlamps with red projector covers, rear upper spoiler and black side body mouldings. For the interior the sporting theme continues with red interior stitching, red accents for air conditioning vent and instruments and aluminium alloy pedals.

The new S model is the first Suzuki to be launched that utilises the new BOOSTERJET technology engine which in Vitara is a 140PS 1.4-litre Direct Injection turbocharged unit (DITC). This new engine has compact dimensions and offers 220Nm of torque available from just 1,500rpm through to 4,000rpm.

The BOOSTERJET engine is a newly developed Suzuki unit that is characterised by improved fuel efficiency and driving pleasure that has been made possible by using a small displacement, high torque turbocharger. By controlling the wastegate valve, which closes to create higher boost pressure during heavy load operation and remains open during normal driving, the system reduces pumping loss, thus achieving high levels of both power and fuel-efficiency. During development, Suzuki's engineers virtually eliminated the typical delay in turbo power delivery or 'lag' Historically, power and torque delivery from a turbocharged engine would not have been available until much higher engine speeds, offering less flexibility to the driver.

The 1.4-litre engine offers strong benefits in performance too with a 0-62mph acceleration time of 10.2 seconds for both manual and automatic transmissions and a maximum speed, where permitted, of 124mph.

A six-speed manual transmission is fitted as standard for the new 1.4-litre BOOSTERJET engine with optimised gear ratios to help provide a good combination of performance and fuel economy. Additional measures include a shift lever counterweight to help provide a smooth, positive shift action.

A six-speed automatic transmission is available optionally which has a wide gear ratio range to permit precise driver control and help provide quick response at low vehicle speeds (for instance, when pulling away from standstill or driving slowly uphill). The transmission has an expanded lockup range to promote good acceleration, high fuel economy and low levels of NVH. Additionally, a manual mode is fitted to enable the driver to change gear using shift paddles behind the steering wheel.

The Vitara's CO2 emissions are low thanks to the use of high tensile steel and other weight saving measures in the body. This has resulted in the Vitara being one of the lightest SUV's in it class at just 1,210 kg for the new S model with manual transmission. An Engine Auto Stop Start system is also used which shuts down the engine when stationary.

Four-wheel drive is typically seen as detrimental to fuel economy and emissions performance. By contrast, Suzuki's ALLGRIP system enables CO2 emissions that are remarkably low for a four-wheel drive SUV. CO2 emissions for the new S model with its standard ALLGRIP system and manual transmission is 127g/km and just one gram higher for the optional automatic transmission.

Suzuki's ALLGRIP system is fitted as standard on the new S model. It has four driver-selectable modes for safe, enjoyable driving on diverse surfaces. ALLGRIP debuted in the S-Cross model in 2013 and has since proved very successful. During development, the Vitara ALLGRIP system was enhanced by the addition of a feed forward function that allocates torque to the rear wheels before any slippage can occur. The system has four driver-selectable modes which are Auto, Sport, Snow and Lock.

On conventional full time 4WD vehicles, feedback control allocates torque to the rear wheels after detecting front wheel drive slippage. On Vitara, as well as offering feedback control it also offers feed forward control that anticipates slippage based on road surface, throttle opening position, steering angle and other factors. In summary, rather than reacting after grip is lost, it controls the vehicle to prevent grip from being lost which results in greater stability.

The Vitara is rated one of Europe's safest cars according to independent crash testing results from Euro NCAP, and received the maximum 5-star rating. Vitara was also the first compact SUV to earn five stars in the more rigorous 2015 Euro NCAP testing programme which reinforces the exemplary level of safety of the model.

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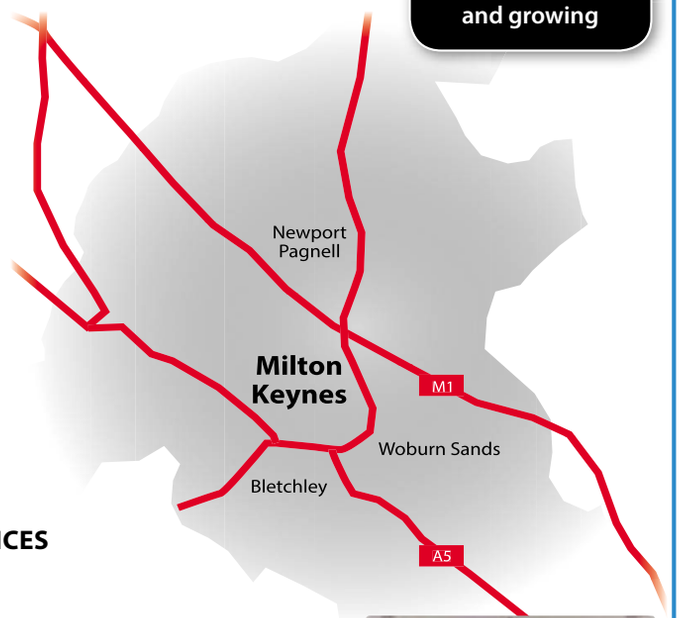

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Mazda MX-5

BACK TO BASICS

Lighter, sharper and better engineered than the car it replaces, this fourth-generation Mazda MX-5 does everything right. It's offered with a 1.5 or 2.0-litre petrol engine and what it lacks in outright power it more than makes up in agility and tactility.

This rejection of a 'more is better' philosophy is a bit of a running theme throughout this 'ND' MX-5. The car's offered with either a 1.5-litre 131PS engine or a 2.0-litre 160PS unit. Mazda's chassis engineers will steer you to the 1.5-litre powerplant as they feel it's the purest specification for the MX-5 and also the lightest, tipping the scales at around the tonne. That makes this the lightest MX-5 since the original first generation 'NA' car of the Nineties.

This fourth generation design conforms to five key criteria that Mazda claim define the MX-5 - rear drive with a front-mid engine layout, 50/50 weight distribution and an eagerness to change direction, plus a low kerb weight and an affordable price. All models get six-speed manual gearboxes.

The MX-5 isn't about straight line pace, it's about agility and tactility. Because the engines are smaller than their predecessors, this allows them to be tucked down and back in the car. That means they can be set 13mm lower and 15mm further back than on the previous car. Mazda reckons the bonnet and overhang used here are the lowest and shortest of any production model. Weight has been pared back by using aluminium for the bonnet, boot and front wings, while the soft top hood is also lighter, improving the centre of gravity. Much of the front suspension is aluminium, as is the gearbox casing, the differential casing and the bracing that runs down the car's backbone. The virtuous circle of weight saving means that the smaller wheels only need four bolts as opposed to five. Lower rotational masses mean that the brake assemblies can also be made smaller, simpler and lighter.

The shape of the MX-5 hasn't changed radically from generation to generation. This one's no exception, but there's a bit more aggression about the detailing, the car looking like a shrunken Jaguar F-Type roadster from the rear three-quarter. Some have thought there's something a bit fishy-looking about the front end but it'll probably grow on you. See one in the metal and you'll be amazed at just how tiny it is. It's fully 105mm shorter in overall length than the outgoing version, despite the wheelbase only being 15mm less. It also stands 20mm lower and 10mm wider. Lower and wider is always good for a roadster's stance.

In another clever touch, the seat cushions are supported on netting instead of the usual metal springs, allowing Mazda to reduce weight and seat the driver's hip point closer to the road. A lower driver then means the windscreen header rail can shift backwards, in this case by 70mm, which in turn means the hood is shorter and lighter, and also easier to package when folded. See what we mean about that virtuous circle?

Weight is the enemy. Excess weight in a car dulls its responses, makes it harder to turn, stop and accelerate, ensures that it drinks more fuel and puts greater stresses on virtually every moving part, parts which then have to be beefed up and made heavier to cope. The Mazda MX-5 reverses that cycle, stripping weight off which in turn allows it to pare more weight back with other simple lightweight componentry. It's a brilliant piece of engineering.

It also goes to show that you can probably have more fun with 1.5 litres worth of MX-5 than you can with some supercars. No, that's not hyperbole. Try it and you'll see. If you measure your cars in terms of smiles per mile, the MX-5 has to be right near the top of your shortlist.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: Mazda MX-5 range
PRICES: £18,495 - £24,295
INSURANCE GROUP: 25-29
CO2 EMISSIONS: 139-161g/km
PERFORMANCE: [1.5] 0-62mph 8.3s / top speed 127mph
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McLaren 675LT Spider

McLaren Automotive has revealed the latest chapter in the history of the iconic 'Longtail' name with confirmation of the 675LT Spider. Strictly limited to only 500 examples worldwide, it is only the second model to wear the LT badge. This latest model comes less than a year since the first model in nearly 20 years resurrected the name, and is in response to significant customer demand. Sharing these key characteristics as the 675LT Coupé which sold out before first deliveries commenced, the Spider is the most focused, fastest and exhilarating open top model to ever wear a McLaren badge. Priced at £285,450, the 675LT Spider is the fifth new model debuted by McLaren Automotive in 2015.

Five-Star Euro NCAP Rating For The New Renault Megane

When it comes to safety, the new Mégane shares the benefits of the same Common Module Family (CMF) platform as the Kadjar crossover. Features of this new platform include the use of very high elastic limit steel for the spars, side rails and cross members (notably those situated between the engine compartment and the cabin). A square millimetre of this type of steel can withstand a load of 120kg.The CMF platform also incorporates effective occupant restraint systems, including dual-generator front airbags, the deployment of which adapts as a function of the type of impact and position of the occupant. This feature enabled the new Mégane to obtain high scores for both adult and child protection.

SSANGYONG ADDS 4X4 TO TIVOLI

The SsangYong Tivoli petrol was launched into the compact SUV sector in May this year, followed a few months later by an all-new 1.6 litre Euro 6 diesel engine available across the range. Now the company is adding 4x4, making it one of very few four-wheel drive cars available in this segment of the market. Powered by the newly developed e-XDi160 Euro 6 diesel engine achieves 60.1mpg on the Combined Cycle with manual transmission, and 47.9mpg with the automatic gearbox. The refined1.6 litre diesel engine achieves a CO2 emission level of just 113g/km (2-wheel drive, manual transmission), and 123g/km with the four-wheel drive manual.

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2016 SsangyongRexton Arrives

The Rexton is SsangYong's flagship sport utility vehicle (SUV), and is greatly enhanced for 2016 with the addition of an upgraded Euro 6 compliant powertrain. In addition to the new 2.2 litre Euro 6 diesel engine, Rexton also gets the choice of a 6-speed manual transmission or new Mercedes-Benz 7-speed automatic. Power, performance and refinement are up while CO2 levels are down. Fuel economy is considerably improved, and now up to 40mpg (Combined cycle) compared with 38.2mpg on the model it replaces.

Land Rover Defender Takes Over London

Londoners were delighted when they spotted a one-of-a-kind Land Rover Defender 'taxi' driving through the streets of the capital. The Defender, one of the world's best loved 4x4s, was starring in a commemorative film to celebrate the global automotive icon and to promote the forthcoming charity auction of the Defender 2,000,000 being held at Bonhams New Bond Street headquarters on 16 December. The film, released yesterday, also stars a number of other more unusual, specially modified vehicles. The Defender 2,000,000 will be on display at a specially curated exhibition from 15-16 December for prospective bidders to preview the vehicle at Bonhams ahead of its auction.

Vauxhall Announces New Intellilink Infotainment And OnStar For Adam

Vauxhall has introduced the latest-generation R4.0 IntelliLink system infotainment technology including smartphone integration to its stylish ADAM city car. Following the introduction of the first-generation award-winning IntelliLink, this update promises to take individualisation even further, with an overview similar to a smartphone menu and the choice of well-known navigation including Apple Maps and Google Maps. Vauxhall's innovative OnStar is also now available on ADAM SLAM, S and ROCKS models, enabling personal connectivity and a service assistant while also becoming a Wi-Fi hotspot for up to seven mobile devices, even when abroad – with no additional roaming fees.

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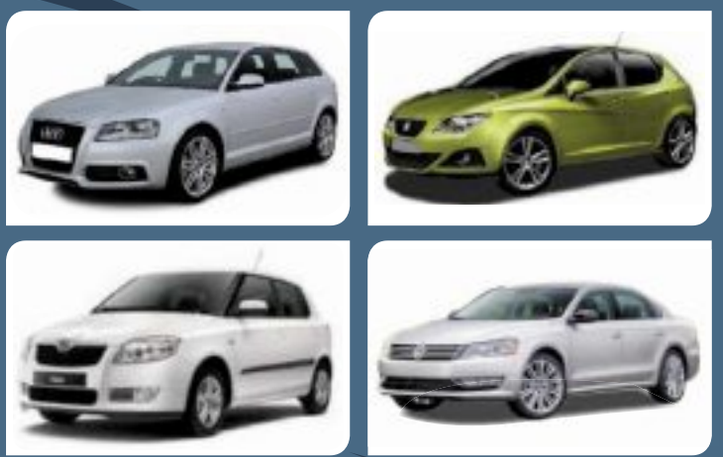

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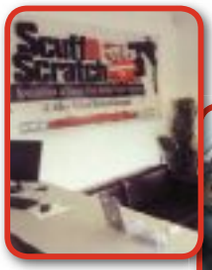

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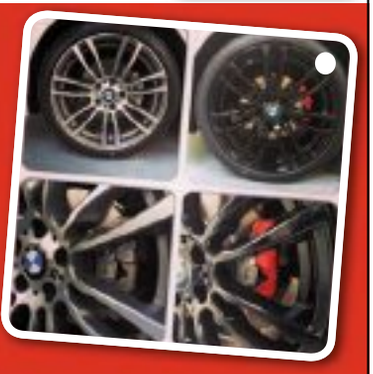

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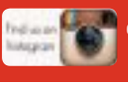

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Carruthers praises fans for backing

DONS midfielder Samir Carruthers says the fans play a huge role in boosting spirits when the chips are down.

The midfielder, who replaced Diego Poyet in the line-up for Saturday's 1-0 defeat against Ipswich Town, said the fans' reactions during and after recent games has been excellent despite results not going their way.

"We lost but at the end of the game to see all the fans clapping and singing, it's quite special to see that and I want to thank them from myself and the team because it gives you heart to go again," said Carruthers, who was given the MK NEWS man-of-the-match award.

"Everyone has an opinion and you have to respect their opinion unless it's abuse!

"I heard them from the start to the end and they were brilliant – when you hear that it's always going to give you a boost.

"Whenever we play away you can hear them so the fans do play a big part."

Carruthers felt it was important to show a reaction to the poor 2-0 defeat at Brentford, and the former Aston Villa man was happy with the team's performance.

"We all know we were below par against Brentford and we had a lot to prove.

"We had to repay our fans and the performance was really good.

"We obviously needed the finishing touch but the goal happened and that's life, we need to move on.

"Last season we were one of the top scorers in the whole of the country and this is the same team pretty much.

"We've been unlucky and that's the way it's going for us at the moment.

"You don't see teams winning by six or seven goals in the Championship so it's always going to be a tough battle and we're right up for it.

"We're certainly a good team and we deserve to be here."

Dons trio discover Euro 2016 rivals after draw is made

DONS' international trio Simon Church, Lee Hodson and Ben Reeves have discovered who their teams will play in Euro 2016 after the draw was made on Saturday evening.

The three have earned regular call-ups for their countries during their respective qualification campaigns, and they will be hoping to do the same for the summer tournament taking place in France.

Church's Wales have been drawn to play England, Russia and Slovakia in Group B, while Northern Ireland, who Reeves and Hodson play for, have been given a tough Group C containing Germany, Poland and Ukraine.

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Adcocks reign supreme in Dubai

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Different paths: Chris and Gabby Adcock celebrate their Superseries win while Andy Ellis, *right*, is retiring. Pictures by BadmintonPhoto

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thanks to a stunning cross-court winner from Kim. But two successive winners from Chris – one smash winner from the serve and an attacking net winner – gave the English the initiative.

With three match points, they kept the Koreans on the back foot before Chris secured the title and a first win in four meetings against their Asian opponents with a winner into open space.

Victory in the season-ending finals in Dubai, which featured the top eight players in the world, will be a major confidence boost for the Adcocks ahead of a key year.

The YONEX All England Championships will be the first Superseries event of 2016 in March before qualifying for the Rio Olympics ends in May.

Meanwhile, Andy Ellis, one of England's leading doubles players in the last decade, has announced his retirement from the sport.

"It's the toughest decision I've ever had to make," said Ellis, 28.

"The programme has only ever provided and supported me. Ultimately, it helped me to achieve what I set out to do.

"Things change, and it's a natural development in life."

ICE HOCKEY

Tigers inflict rare shutout on MK

TELFORD Tigers inflicted the first shutout on MK Lightning in more than 18 months when they won 4-0 at MK Arena on Saturday.

Not since March 2014, when Lightning went down 3-0 to Swindon Wildcats while the city outfit were playing home games at the Coventry Skydome, had they failed to score.

Against Telford a combination of very poor refereeing and the absence of five players – four of them on duty for Great Britain U20s at the World Championships, left Lightning short of fire power.

Lewis Hook, Luc Johnson, Glenn Billing and Ed Knaggs were in France with GB while Jack Watkins was still injured.

Lightning were further hampered by referee Tim Pickett, who failed to call at least one – possibly two – MK penalty shots.

Lightning entertain Hull Pirates this Saturday.

Lack of fire power: MK Lightning lost to Telford Tigers

RUGBY UNION

MK maintain 100 per cent record

MILTON Keynes continued their unbeaten Bucks, Berks and Oxon Premier season with another win against Chesham.

With their pitch unplayable due to water logging, Chesham asked neighbours Amersham and Chiltern if they could play their match at their ground.

Gavin Whitehead gave MK a 5-0 lead which was pegged back by a Chesham penalty.

Ben Fisher put MK 10-3 ahead and a converted try from Tim Parkinson made it 17-3. Further scores from Dan Rolfe and Michael Fitzgerald with another conversion from Purcell saw MK lead at half time 29-3.

Whitehead, Lachlan Kerr, Brian Purcell and Nathan Thomas rounded off a 48-10 win for MK.

In Southern Counties North, Bletchley were narrowly beaten 17-15 at home to Marlow. They are eighth in the table.

Olney moved up to eighth in the Midlands Two East (South) division after winning 23-18 at Biggleswade.

SPORTSSHORTS

SPORTS PERSONALITY

THE BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards take place in Belfast this Sunday and Greg Rutherford will be going for the main prize. He was nominated after winning world long jump gold earlier this season to join a select band of athletes who have held World, European, Commonwealth and Olympic golds at the same time. If you want to vote for him to win, the number will be revealed during the programme.

SWIMMING

CITY of Milton Keynes Swimming Club enjoyed a successful start to the season.

The South East Winter Regional Short Course Champs were held in Portsmouth and champions included Tom Flaherty (men's 200m and 400m freestyle), Isobel Jones (women's 800m freestyle) and Max Murphy (Junior Men's 200m free). All three swimmers were selected to represent SE England in Geneva in January. The following weekend CMKSC made the National Arena League final for the ninth year in a row.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club provided almost half of the athletes representing Buckinghamshire in the annual South of England Inter-Counties Cross-Country Championships and best placed were the U17 men, who took bronze.

Emma Mears (26th) led home the Bucks U17 women who ran 5km and finished sixth in the team race, as did the U13 boys.

The MK Winter Half-Marathon attracted a field of more than 1,500 competitors and MMKAC's Mark Ryall took third place. His wife Linsey was sixth lady (60th overall.)

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

UNITED Counties Premier Division's Newport Pagnell Town won 2-1 against Oadby Town, while in Division One, Josh Sturniolo and Jack Weeden gave Olney Town a 2-1 victory.

In the Spartan South Midlands Division Two, Clean Slate lost 1-0 at The 61 FC (Luton), Stony Stratford Town drew 1-1 at Grendon Rangers and Mursley United won 2-0 at Amersham Town. In the Division Two Cup, Loughton Manor lost 2-0 at Totternhoe.

GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

THERE are just four spots left in the official Milton Keynes six-a-side league and teams are urged to sign up soon. Games are held at Stantonbury Campus on Tuesday and Thursday and run throughout the year. To join the league go to www.leisurelagues.net.

HOCKEY

BOTH Milton Keynes hockey teams played their last matches before their Christmas break, with Milton Keynes Ladies beating West Hampstead 2-0 in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A, while the men lost 6-3 at Spencer in the South Hockey League Premier Division One.

TABLE TENNIS

THE second 'El Clasico' match between MK Spinners and Greenleys Monarchs ended in a hard-fought draw. Spinners' Alan Cherry showed what a great player he was with a maximum.

Lack of availability of squad members has been a big problem for both Greenleys Kings and MK Sasaki this year, and these two teams have now called upon reserves from lower divisions seven times already between them. This week Sasaki drafted in Pumas' Keith Carrington and were well beaten 7-3.

It was the usual story of 10-0 defeats for the division's two "whipping boys" MK Phoenix and MK Powers. Phoenix went down to the MK Kingpins trio of Julian Adams, Mark Purcell and Dave Allison, while Powers followed suit against MK Walking Wounded with maximums provided by Dave Murphy, Ryan Murphy and Neil Riddy.

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MK Lightning suffer rare shutout – page 51

Baker and Maynard lift Dons to 20th

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MK DONS produced a great performance to pick up their first win in six weeks and climb out of the relegation places after they defeated Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 last night.

Carl Baker gave Dons a deserved lead in the 25th minute after Nicky Maynard held off two defenders before playing the midfielder in and Baker jinked past three defenders before slotting the ball home.

Five minutes into the second half Dons doubled their lead when Maynard latched onto Samir Carruthers' through ball and tucked the ball past Kieren Westwood.

Sub Gary Hooper lashed the ball into the back of the net to give the visitors a lifeline but Dons rode the late pressure to hold for a vital win.

Last night's game followed Dons' 1-0 defeat at home to Ipswich Town on Saturday, with Brett Pitman's first half header securing all three points for the Tractor Boys.

For the full report, photos and all the reaction visit: **onemk.co.uk/sport**

Vital win: Carl Baker celebrates his goal, *top left*, after beating three defenders to slot the ball past goalkeeper Kierern Westwood, *bottom right*. Kyle McFadzean was a rock at the back as he wins a header against the Owls, *bottom left*, during last night's match at stadiummk

Superseries win in Dubai is Adcocks' best ever performance

ENGLAND badminton's number one pairing Chris and Gabby Adcock powered to the World Superseries Finals mixed doubles' title in Dubai on Sunday to secure a career-high win on the world tour.

The world number seven Adcocks overcame third seeds Ko Sung Hyun and Kim Ha Na, of South Korea, 21-14, 21-17 in 37 minutes after a dominant display at the Hamdan Sports Complex.

The husband and wife team's win in the emirate was only the second Superseries title of their career after landing the Hong Kong Open in 2013.

"I am in shock and I can't believe we won. I am overwhelmed with emotion," said Gabby.

"This is a very big win for us as the Korean pair have been good all year."

Chris added: "We have fought hard to put things right all week as there have been some really tough matches."

The Commonwealth champions opened up a 12-6 lead in the first set and they made sure of the game as they forged open another crucial six-point advantage at 18-12 up.

In the second set, they again carved open a 12-8 lead before the Koreans, who were recent title winners at the Danish and French Opens, rallied to 15-15

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